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JMCI

विषय :

SUBJECT :

JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF  
INQUIRY - ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF  
NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

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Most Immediate

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Ministry of External Affairs  
(NGO Section)

①

Reference FR

Ministry of Home Affairs have approached us for issue of political clearance to the proposed official visit of Justice M K Mukherjee, Chairman (JMCI) and Shri NK Panja, PPS to Russia w.e.f. 18.9.2005 (for 14 days) to hold its inquiry in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Omsk, Paddosk and Irkhutsk. The Russian Foreign Office has already conveyed the approval to Embassy of India, Moscow that JMCI can get access to federal archives as well as the government archives for its inquiry. The request of Commission for logistic arrangements in Moscow and four other cities in Russia is also being considered by our mission in Moscow.

CNV Division has no objection to the above mentioned visit. We may request Joint Secretary (EURASIA) to approve issue of political clearance to the proposed visit of JMCI team to Russia for conducting the inquiry there.

This was approved by JS (CNV) on 30.8.2005.

  
(RK Verma)

Section Officer (NGO)  
31.8.2005

JS (FSO) - O. Tour

JS (EURASIA)

31.8.05

note issued to Eurasia Div for conveying Pol clearance directly to MHA.

NGO

31/8

JS (CNV) O.Y.

Thanks.

JS (CNV)

pl issue letter to JMCI, as approved by JS (CNV).

6/9

JS/MH

Pol clearance dated 2.9.2005 from Coord<sup>n</sup> Division was obtained today & sent to MHA.

JS/MH

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Dy. No. 1936/NCO/01

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The MHA has asked for information about persons given by Russian Govt. to JMSI to inspect records at Russia & examine the ~~with~~ witnesses there.

MHA was informed on 1/9/05 that the information for the mission is still awaited.

Subsequently, a fax was received from EIZ mission about JMSI en. & a copy of fax msg was forwarded to MHA on 1/9/05. <sup>18</sup> ~~19~~

This fax msg included a non-paper <sup>19</sup> ~~18~~ given by the Russian MHA which explain the points about inspection of records & examining the witnesses.

Robind & speak please

### Reference FR.

2. The reply of JS(S)'s letter was sent to US (NCH), MHA on 2-9-2005 on the basis of factual position and FR is the post copy only.
3. Commission's query of 1.9.2005 (FR-II) was also replied to vide our letter of 5.9.05 on the basis of EOI, Moscow's fax of 2-9-2005 conveying that 3 witnesses have agreed to appear before Commission. However, in view of the fact that Commission's visit is to commence soon, we may write to EOI, Moscow to pursue the matter again to ensure that remaining two witnesses also attend the inquiry. If approved, DFA may kindly be signed.

Submitted, please.

9/9

Shall and Subj  
10/9/05

JS(SNV)



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Ref. FR.

ETC museum has forwarded a letter for Russian  
Embassy, Moscow addressed to J.M.C. The letter  
is to be forwarded to J.M.C., Kolkata.

DFA submitter please.

For approval & signature, Mr  
13/11

MR  
13/11/11

JS (Cov)

- JS (Cov) / Issue - 14/11/11

JS (Cov)

W & O Section

Ref. FR.

As desired, the file submitted, please.

23/11/11

JS (Cov)

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14/11/11



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MOST IMMEDIATE  
PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Ministry of External Affairs  
CNV Division  
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Subject: **Rajya Sabha Provisionally Unstarred Question for answer on 09.03.2006 on the subject of the Justice (Rtd.) Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose (JMCI).**


The administrative Ministry for the Commission, since closed, is Ministry of Home Affairs. The Commission has submitted its report to the Home Minister. We understand that the report is proposed to be tabled in the current session of Parliament. We may, therefore, request MHA to accept transfer of the question as the nodal Ministry. They have accepted such transfers in the past also.

2 We may give inputs for paragraph (c) and (d) relating to cooperation with the Commission by the Indian Embassy in Russia.

3 We had already received a message from the Mission in reply to our forwarding them a news item on the matter. The question seems to stem from the news item as the last status report of the Commission only mentioned the meetings of Commission during its visit to Russia and did not make any comments on the Mission itself. Nor have we received any letter from the JMCI. DCM informed that the Mission had gone out of its way to ensure the smooth visit of the Commission. We may, therefore, in respect of parts (c) and (d) of the question, say that:

"The Embassy of India in Moscow, on the basis of instructions from this Ministry, provided maximum possible support to the Hon'ble Commission during their visit to Russia in September 2005. The Mission, with the help of the Russian Foreign Ministry, arranged visits to seven archives during the visit and information gathered by the Russian government on the subject of the Commission were also procured and given to the Commission, both before and after its visit to Russia. A Russian speaking diplomatic officer was attached to the Commission during its entire visit and the Mission also provided premises and secretarial, interpretation and other services. Due courtesies were also shown to the deponents who accompanied the Commission."

4. For kind approval.

  
(L.D. Ralte)  
JS (CNV) & CVO  
24 February 2006

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- MoS (EA)

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Reference MHA letter No.12014/2/06-NCB-II dated 25.5.2006. The Ministry of Home Affairs is required to provide information under Right to Information Act, regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose name appearing as a War Criminal.

As per records available in this section Netaji's name did not figure in the list of war criminals. This fact was confirmed by the Government of United Kingdom and from the records of UN Secretariat. Copies of the communications received in this regards were faxed to Shri Bardhan, OSD in MHA. We may again send the copies of these letters to Ministry of Home Affairs.

Submitted please.

Mr  
27/5  
SO(NGO)

Ref. n/a above.  
Draft reply to MHA submitted for  
approval on the above lines, please.

29/5/06

JS(CNV)

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RAM



**Subject: Information sought under RTI Act.**

We have received a request from Shri Anuj Dhar seeking information under Right to Information Act, regarding disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

The applicant has requested the Ministry to provide certified copies of the complete correspondence the MEA had with the Government of USSR and the Russian Federation over the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

All the available records in NGO section have been searched and copies of correspondence received from the USSR/Russian Government are placed below.

*Ms  
17/8/06*

Submitted please.

*discussed with JS (CIV)*

SO(NGO)

*A note to JS (Informations) conveying that the information may be denied to Shri Dhar as it involves relations with foreign State under para 3 (1)(a)(i) of RTI Act, submitted for approval & signature, Please.*

*21/8/06*

JS (CIV)

*We may convey that as the request deals with his relations with a foreign government; we are not able to accede to the request of the applicant.*

*[Signature]  
21/8/06*

JS (CIV)

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JS (CIV)

*Issue copy  
[Signature]  
24/8*

*25/8/06*




FR-E & FA-12

Ref. letter for EIC Berlin re. request for

details of details for a copy of JMC1 report.

We may want to make for copies of the  
report. Also forward them a news item on Renski Temple  
DFA submit the plan.

Mo  
28/8/66

  
28/8/66

So (NGO)

JSC (NV)

Let's do more work on 31/10/66.



Ministry of External Affairs  
NGO Section

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Subject: Appeal under the the RTI Act, 2005

Shri Anuj Dhar has requested for the copies of correspondence between Government of India and Government of USSR/Russian Federation about disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

A reply was sent to him, however, the copies of correspondence was not provided to him as it involved the relations with a Foreign State.

Mr. Dhar has sent an appeal addressed to Secretary (ER&Coord) that he may be furnished with the detail as requested.

We may send a reply to Shri Anuj Dhar. DFA submitted please.

Reference were above.

Ms  
3/10/06

SO(NGO)  
- J(CNV)

he may reiterate our earlier demand on the appeal of Shri Dhar asking for certified copies of entire correspondence of MCA with USSR/Russia govt and confirmation whether some serious efforts were made at higher levels to uncover the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Netaji.

Submitted for approval, please.

31/10/06

Let me know.



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PMO has sent some documents in the name of Raju  
Kalyan Chandra for declassification.

Now PMO has requested that copies of these  
letters may please be sent to them.

The letter is available in Volume V of this file  
& the copies have been made of the enclosures  
as requested by PMO.

We may forward the same to PMO.  
DRO submitted please

Me  
14/11/06

~~AB~~  
14/11/06

~~SO(NCO)~~

Dt No 240/NCO/07

dt No 106

PZ

As desired by JLEO the file is submitted please  
Periscope letter sent by JLEO to PMO are placed at No No 93  
& 103.

Submitted please

Me  
24/11/07

~~AB~~  
24/11/07

~~SO(NCO)~~

~~JLEO~~

Writings if the file could be resubmitted on 31/1.  
Thanky.

~~AB~~  
31/1

SO(NCO)



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**Ministry of External Affairs**  
**(East Asia Division)**

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Reference **FR** – Note from PMO forwarding a letter addressed to Prime Minister by Shri Subrata Bose, MP (nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose) and Shri Barun Mukherjee, MP.

2. In their letter, written shortly before Prime Minister's visit to Japan in December 2006, the Hon'ble MPs, belonging to Forward Bloc, have referred to reports that during the visit, the Japanese Government could ask PM to take some decision in the matter of taking over of the "alleged remains" of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan. The letter states that an "overwhelming majority of the members of the Bose family, All India Forward Bloc and numerous people of India" are of the firm view that the Government of India should accept the report of Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission Inquiry which concluded that Netaji did not die in an air crash on August 18, 1945 and that the ashes kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan are not of him. It adds, "If any decision in favour of taking over the alleged remains kept in a temple in Japan on behalf of the Government of India is taken, members of the Bose family, All India Forward Bloc and people of India shall oppose such an action tooth and nail. We also demand that financial assistance to the Renkoji Temple by the Government of India should be stopped immediately".

3. It may be recalled that prior to PM's visit to Japan, we had received some suggestions from the Japanese side that the Government of India consider taking over of the remains of Netaji. Mr. Yoshiro Mori, former Prime Minister of Japan and President of the Indo-Japanese Association, had written to Prime Minister in April 2006, stating that the remains had not been returned to India mainly because of the "delicate domestic circumstances in India", but now he had been told that Mrs. Krishna Bose, a close relative of the Netaji, felt strongly that considering the "changed circumstances in India", his remains should be returned to his "fatherland". Mr. Mori had expressed the hope that PM would pay attention to the wishes of the Bose family and take appropriate steps accordingly. In his response, PM had assured Mr. Mori that he had taken note of the points made by the latter and that those would be looked into (**Sl.No.93/corres.**).

4. The matter was taken up with us by the Japanese Ambassador in New Delhi as also by Prof. Kazuo Azuma, a well-known Tagore scholar in Tokyo, who had indicated that Mr. Mori would like to take up the matter with PM. We had discouraged the idea and eventually, the issue was not raised during PM's visit.

5. Ambassador Enoki and Mr. Eijiro Noda, former Japanese Ambassador to India, have persisted even after PM's visit. In a message sent to FS, Ambassador Noda has, for instance, suggested that Dr. Anita Pfaff, daughter of Netaji living in Germany, could write to the Renkoji Temple seeking transfer of the remains to her and that modalities of transfer could be agreed upon with the "unofficial but effective assistance" offered by the Governments of India and Japan (**F/A**). It has been argued by Prof. Azuma and Ambassador Noda that the Chief Priest of the Renkoji was now quite old, that "the patience on the part of the

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temple was fast running out", that it was "unfair and unwise" to defer the repatriation of the remains, and that the ashes could not remain in Japan indefinitely.

6. It may be recalled that the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose were taken to Tokyo after his death in a plane crash in Taihoku (Taipei) on August 18, 1945. The circumstances of Netaji's death have been a matter of controversy. A three-member Enquiry Committee, headed by Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, appointed by the Government of India in April 1956, came to the conclusion that Netaji had died in the above-mentioned plane crash and his ashes were kept in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo; one of the members of the Committee, however, submitted a dissenting report stating that there had been no plane crash involving Netaji's death. The majority report was accepted by the Government of India. However, as the controversy persisted, another Enquiry Commission, headed by Justice G.D. Khosla, was appointed in July 1970 to look into the matter. The Commission also came to the conclusion that Netaji had succumbed to injuries sustained in the plane crash at Taihoku and that his ashes had been taken to Tokyo.

7. The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, which was appointed in May 1999, to enquire once again into all the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith, has come to a different conclusion in its report submitted in November 2005. The Commission has concluded: (a) "Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead"; (b) "he did not die in the plane crash, as alleged"; and (c) "the ashes in the Japanese Temple are not of Netaji". On the issue of the ashes in the Renkoji Temple, Justice Mukherjee has made the following finding:

"As regards the journey of the ashes collected by Habibur Rahman from the crematorium at Taipei to the Renkoji Temple in Japan the evidence is consistent and, therefore, needs no discussions. Since the ashes collected were of Ichiro Okura – not of Netaji – the only inference that can be drawn is that the ashes lying in that Temple cannot be of Netaji. On the contrary, the presence of bones in the ashes as noticed by officers of Indian Embassy in Tokyo is a circumstance which corroborates that those cannot but be of Ichiro Okura. Considered in that backdrop, the inability of the Commission to subject the mortal remains to DNA test in the circumstances beyond its control has not stood in the way of recording its conclusive finding in that regard – a finding arrived at on the basis of robust circumstantial evidence on record".

8. The main findings of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry have not, however, been accepted by the Government of India. The Memorandum of Action Taken on the Report, placed in Parliament, states as follows:

"The Government have examined the Report submitted by the Commission on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 in detail and have not agreed with the findings that -

- (a) Netaji did not die in the plane crash; and
- (b) The ashes in the Renkoji Temple were not of Netaji".



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9. It may also be mentioned that the Ministry of External Affairs has been providing financial assistance to the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo since 1967 for the upkeep of the urn containing the ashes of Netaji. So far, a total amount of Rs. 53, 66,278/- has been given to the Temple, through our Embassy in Tokyo from the Special Diplomatic Expenditure budget of the Ministry. Since 2002, an annual contribution of Yen 1 million (equivalent to Rs. 4,30,000/- in 2005) is being provided. It may also be added here that the Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple, Rev. Nichiko Mochizuki, who called on our Ambassador in Tokyo on October 16, 2006, did not ask for the return of the ashes to India.

10. This issue may also come up during EAM's visit to Japan from March 22 to 24, 2007. An early decision on what to do with the ashes of Netaji is, therefore, required.

11. We have essentially three options. First, let the ashes remain at the Renkoji for the time being, at least until a consensus is developed on bringing them back to India. Secondly, a decision is taken to repatriate Netaji's ashes to India. Thirdly, we acquiesce in the ashes being handed over to Dr. Anita Pfaff. It would not be advisable to allow transfer of remains to Germany. Our inability to bring them back to India and acquiesce in their transfer to a third country would be seen, both in India and Japan, as a mark of disrespect to the memory of Netaji.

12. Unless a decision is taken to bring the ashes to India, the only viable alternative is to keep them at the Renkoji for the time being. I have discussed the matter with our Ambassador in Tokyo, who can meet the Chief Priest and assess discreetly whether he is indeed finding it difficult to continue to keep Netaji's ashes at the Temple, as claimed by our self-appointed Japanese interlocutors. If required, we may agree to increase our annual contribution to the Temple (pegged at Yen 1 million, equivalent to approximately Rs. 4,00,000/-, since 2002) in order to assist the temple in defraying the cost of maintenance of the urn containing the ashes.

13. This was discussed FS, who may wish to obtain EAM's guidance in the matter.

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*Ashok K. Kanthia*  
(Ashok K. Kanthia)  
Joint Secretary (EA)  
February 20, 2007

FS o.r. *Subject to EAM's convenience, I might discuss this issue after he has seen these papers.*

*FS*  
28/2/7

*EAM*

*F.S may discuss*

*2/3/2007*

*PK*



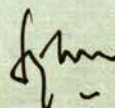
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Reference JS (EA)'s notes on pages 10-12 describing various options for future location of the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which are presently kept in Renkoji Temple in Japan.

2. For various reasons, none of the three options mentioned so far are entirely satisfactory. As far as the Government of India is concerned, we have repeatedly accepted that these are indeed the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. In the circumstances, since the new Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple is no longer in a position to assure the continued retention with due respect of the ashes at Renkoji, an alternative solution would be to relocate the ashes to a suitable place in the new Chancery that we will begin constructing in Tokyo next month on GOI-owned land. We should ensure that the remains are treated with the respect and reverence due to the memory of Netaji.

3. Submitted for EAM's approval in principle, before we work out the details.



( S. Menon )  
Foreign Secretary  
March 06, 2007.

~~EAM~~

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6/3/2007

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You may report to PMO accordingly,  
Anwarul

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~~J (EA)~~

Discussed with FS. Pl. re-submit on 28/3.

*HK*  
21-3-2007

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As submitted file on 28/3/07.

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As cleared by J1 (com) the file is submitted

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Me  
28/10/17

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Submitted for EAM: approval in principle before we work out the details.

(S. Moran)  
Foreign Secretary  
March 2007

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for my report to the committee

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**MOST IMMEDIATE**

Ministry of External Affairs  
CNV Division

Sub : Appeal filed by Shri Anuj Dhar under Right to Information Act

Reference note at **FR** from AS (PP) and Appellate Authority (RTI) regarding CIC's directives on appeal by Shri Anuj Dhar who was denied information requested concerning disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and his whereabouts in the former USSR/Russia, if any.

2. Vide letter of 02.08.06, at **F/A** Shri Dhar had requested for (a) certified copies of complete correspondence between MEA and the Government of USSR/Russia over the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, referring to Our Embassy's intervention with the Russian MFA in 1992, 1995, 1997, 2001 and 2003; and (b) whether MEA sought information from the Russian side in a routine manner through issue of Note Verbales or some serious efforts were made at a higher level.
3. Vide issue of 25.08.06 at **F/B** CPIO, on the basis of inputs from CNV Division replied to Shri Dhar conveying that (a) requests to the Governments of the USSR/Russia were made through diplomatic channels at appropriate levels; and (b) requisite copies of the correspondence sought cannot be disclosed as it involves relations with a foreign state and is exempt under provisions of Clause 8(1)(a)&(f) of the RTI Act. Under Clause 8(1)(a) there is no obligation to give any citizen information, disclosure of which would prejudicially affect the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security, strategic, scientific or economic interests of the State, relation with foreign State or lead to incitement of an offence. Under Clause 8(1)(f) there is no obligation to give "information received in confidence from foreign government".
4. Shri Dhar vide his letter of 23.09.06 at **F/C** had appealed to then Secretary (ER) and Appellate Authority (RTI) on the ground that the reasons given by the CPIO denying him the information asked for are untenable. With regard to the intervention with the USSR/Russian Government for information on Netaji's disappearance, Shri Dhar seeks to know if this matter was pursued at a higher (say Ministerial) level. Regarding Ministry's resort to Clause 8(1)(a) Shri Dhar wrote that this is not intelligible to him as to how correspondence dealing with the disappearance of a national hero can be threat to India or its relations with USSR, which does not exist and has been disowned by the successor state of the Russian Federation. He has also questioned as to why information received in this matter of national importance should be confidential. In response to the appeal, CNV Division has conveyed to JS (Inf) and CPIO vide its note dated 01.11.06 at **F/D** that (a) the information sought for by Shri Dhar, i.e, whether serious efforts were made with interventions at higher levels with the Russian Government to seek information on Netaji's disappearance does not constitute "information" as defined in the RTI Act, and the question is anecdotal in nature, and (b) that copies of correspondence cannot be disclosed as it involves relations with a foreign state and is exempt under the relevant clauses in the RTI Act. Though there is no evidence on this NGO file, it is our understanding that these views were conveyed by the Secretary (ER) and Appellate Authority (RTI) to Shri Dhar. Presumably, what was meant was that Shri Dhar was seeking the opinion of the MEA as to whether the efforts made by GOI in its interventions with the Russian Government were serious or just routinely taken up. Since such 'opinion' is not covered under Clause 1(f) hence it cannot be construed as 'information'.
6. The undersigned has gone through all available records in NGO Section pertaining to correspondence with the USSR/Russian Governments seeking information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. In particular, attention is drawn to a note recorded in December 1998 at **F/E** on linked file giving the chronological background to such correspondence starting from May 1990 in the Note for Supplementaries prepared for Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 174 for answer on 10.12.98 dealing with the Asiatic Society's request for access to Russian archives. It may also be seen from the attached



'Anticipated Questions and their Answers' that Ministry was willing to disclose the contents of the Note Verbalé received from the Russian Government in response to Indian demarches regarding information on Netaji on the floor of the House. There is no record available on NGO files to indicate if such information was in fact disclosed on the floor of the House when the PQ was answered. However, the point to note is Ministry's willingness to disclose such information. As per the last line under Clause 8 of RTI Act, "information which cannot be denied to the Parliament or the State legislature shall not be denied to any person." Therefore, if such information has already been disclosed on the floor of the House or even by virtue of Ministry's willingness to disclose, we may not deny such information requested by Shri Anuj Dhar.

7. Chronologically, the correspondence copies available on file and linked files and sought by Shri Dhar are listed as under :

- (a) N.V. No. Nil dated 16.09.91 from E/I, Moscow to MFA, USSR Government at **F/F** on linked file;
- (b) N.V. No. 2/YuA dated 08.01.92 from Russian MFA to E/I, Moscow at **F/G**;
- (c) N.V. No. SA/83/95 dated 27.07.95 from E/I, Moscow to MFA, Russian Government at **F/H** on linked file;
- (d) N.V. No. 73/YuA dated 27.10.95 from Russian MFA to E/I, Moscow at **F/I**;
- (e) D.O. letter from CDA, E/I, Moscow enclosing Amb. Kotov's letter to Amb. Ronen Sen at **F/J** on linked file;
- (f) Record of intervention by Russian Ambassador to India at a press conference on 21.02.96 at **F/K** on linked file;
- (g) N.V. No. N547 dated 20.03.97 from Russian Defence Ministry to E/I, Moscow at **F/L**;
- (h) N.V. No. 1907/3DA dated 20.03.03 from Russian MFA to E/I, Moscow at **F/M**; and
- (k) N.V. No. 5954/2DA dated 06.10.04 from Russian MFA to E/I, Moscow at **F/N**.

8. A perusal of the available correspondence shows the continuous effort made by the Ministry through the Embassy in Moscow to obtain information available, if any, on Netaji's whereabouts in Russia. It also shows that such effort was made at very high levels even through correspondence between the Indian Ambassador to Russia and his Russian counterpart. One such correspondence is even addressed to a private Indian citizen in Manipur and the same has been passed on to him by our Embassy in Moscow. There is no evidence to suggest that such correspondence was received in confidence and not to be disclosed. However, it would be beyond the competence of CNV Division to make such a judgment merely on perusal of the files/records available in NGO Section. AS (PP) and Appellate Authority (RTI) may like to consult Eurasia Division and Embassy of India, Moscow on whether disclosure of such information under RTI, would be detrimental to bilateral relations.

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D. Shaw

(Debnath Shaw)

JS (CNV)

09 April, 2007

- AS (PP) & Appellate Authority (RTI)

Both the CPIO and the Appellate Authority, RTI, Act, in the Ministry denied information to the applicant on the grounds that the correspondence cannot be disclosed as this involves relations with a foreign state. As per CIC directive, JS(Eurasia) may please examine whether disclosure of the requested information can be denied under the R.T.I. Act and convey his comments to me at the earliest.

- JS(Eurasia)

Athaydhry  
17/4/07



- O/C of self explanatory letter addressed to JCH, E/I Moscow is placed below at F/2. (17)
- The above was also discussed with JS(CNV)

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AS(PP) \* Appellate Authority (RTI)

As JS(CNV) is aware, a Committee consisting of AS(Pol), JS(Eurasia) and JS(CNV) has been formed to examine the matter. Papers may accordingly be shown to AS(Pol).

JS(CNV).

A. Chandhry  
25/4/07

AS(Pol) may kindly see and convene meeting of the Committee at the earliest.

J. J.  
05/05/07

AS(Pol) & SAARC & Cochin (RIMST-EC & SAARC)

Action Item by AS(Pol) & file returned.

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Ref En. R. don't see 21/05/07 file.

Subscribed please. Review meeting on 10-12/07.

Subscribed please

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No.25/4/NGO-XV  
Ministry of External Affairs  
(East Asia Division)

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Ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

Reference FR-I – letter addressed to PM from the daughter of Netaji. As per the notes on page 13/ante, I have reminded HOM in Tokyo to send a specific proposal as soon as possible for the relocation of the ashes to a suitable place in the new Chancery.

2. Reference FR-II – PMO has requested for a status report on the letter addressed to PM dated 7.12.2006 (flagged) stating that the ashes at Renkoji Temple were not those of Netaji, and urging Government not to consider any proposal to take over the alleged remains presently kept at the Renkoji Temple. PM had indicated that he wishes to have this matter looked into by MEA, and PMO have since sent more than one reminder on the subject. It is proposed to inform Prime Minister's Office along the following lines:

"The letter dated 7.12.2006 has been carefully examined in the Ministry. It has been decided in principle by the External Affairs Minister that, bearing in mind that Government of India has accepted that these are indeed the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and also noting that the new Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple has conveyed that he may no longer be in a position to ensure preservation of the remains with due respect at Renkoji, the ashes be relocated to a suitable place in the new building of the Indian Embassy in Tokyo. Construction work on the new Chancery will begin in July 2007 and is expected to be completed by July 2009. The Ambassador of India in Tokyo has been asked to suggest appropriate modalities, after which final approval will be accorded."

3. FS may kindly see for approval.

*Vijay Gokhale*  
(Vijay Gokhale)  
Joint Secretary (EA)  
June 15, 2007

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Pl. min. u.o. note to PMO.

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No. TOK/103/17/07

26 June, 2007

Netaji's Ashes at Renkoji Temple

Dear Shankar,

This is with reference to letter No.25/105/NGO dated 10 May, 2007 addressed to me by JS(EA) on the Renkoji Temple issue. JS(EA)'s subsequent message No.25/4/NGO-XV dated 15 June also refers.

2. The possibility of relocating the ashes of Netaji to the Chancery was informally discussed with EAM during his visit to Tokyo on 24 March, 2007. The then and current JS(EA)s were present. I had pointed out that the longstanding aspiration of the Chief Priest of Renkoji, as well as the broader public sentiment, was that the Government of India should accept the remains and repatriate these to India for resting finally at an appropriate place of honour. Any action on our part short of that will come as a disappointment.

3. Furthermore, I had indicated that there was no pressure whatsoever from the Chief Priest of Renkoji to divest the Temple of the ashes. In fact, the Chief Priest was proud to continue the legacy of his father in holding the ashes in trust till such time as GOI finds it appropriate to accept and repatriate them.

4. EAM had responded that he would consider ways in which the ashes could be taken to an appropriate location in India, perhaps in Delhi. In the meanwhile, we should increase our annual contribution to Renkoji.

5. I met Rev. Nichiko Mochizuki, Chief Priest of Renkoji, on 22 June, 2007. The quasi-verbatim record of his remarks to me is attached. Essentially, Rev. Mochizuki conveyed the following :

- i) Like his father before him, he strongly believes that



the ashes must be taken back to India by the hand of the Government of India and an Envoy must be sent to Japan for the purpose.

- ii) He is well aware of the circumstances surrounding the issue in India. He is not setting any timeframe for GOI to take the ashes back and is happy to keep them indefinitely. If the return of the ashes is not materialized in his lifetime, the task would be handed over to his son (who will take over from him as Chief Priest of Renkoji).
- iii) Like his father, he remains resolute that the ashes will not be handed over to any private party in India or Japan and he will deal only with GOI.
- iv) He strongly resented the moves of some private parties in Japan to intervene in this matter, ignoring his family's views and long-term dedication. *(Comment: He was clearly referring to efforts made by Prof. Kazuo Azuma since last year to push for the return of the ashes. Azuma had suggested to us in October, 2006 that "we should no longer take it for granted that Renkoji is prepared to maintain their generosity indefinitely" and "undoubtedly the patience on the part of the temple is fast thinning out". This was clearly a misrepresentation of the Chief Priest's views).*
- v) His only concern is the security of the ashes, because of which he has now limited access to visitors. He has considered making security arrangements, but has not so far made any.

6. In view of the above background, we do need to consider whether it would be appropriate to move the ashes to the Chancery. This may be misunderstood by the Chief Priest, who is likely to take this personally and react very emotionally, and be misinterpreted by others. There is also some possibility that the Chief Priest may even object to the idea of moving the ashes from a place of worship where they are revered and daily prayers are offered to Netaji's soul, to the Chancery. Till GOI is in a position to take the ashes to India, Renkoji Temple, where they have lain for 62 years, can remain their resting place.



7. However, in case it is still felt that we should take custody of the ashes and move them to the new Chancery, I will immediately proceed to develop appropriate plans with the consulting architect of the Tokyo construction project. As you are aware, the Chancery plot is narrow and the already finalized construction plans do not provide adequate space for a proper memorial to be built inside the complex. The best option would perhaps be to create a roof-top Japanese garden, in which the ashes can be kept in a typical pagoda-style covered structure.

8. In the meanwhile, we should also consider the following :

- a) Installing electronic security devices / entering into a security contract to prevent theft of the ashes. If approved, we will contact local security agencies to obtain estimates.
- b) Increasing our annual contribution to Renkoji, in recognition of the Chief Priest's continued dedication to the memory of Netaji. (Proposal already pending with the Ministry).

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,  
Sd/-  
[H.K. Singh]

Shri Shivshankar Menon,  
Foreign Secretary,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
**NEW DELHI**

Enclosures : i) Rev. Nichiko Mochizuki's remarks on 22 June, 2007.  
ii) Copies of Mission's messages to the Ministry relevant to this communication.

- ✓ Copy, with enclosure, for information to Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary(EA), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi. Your letters No. No.25/105/NGO dated 10 May, 2007 and No.25/4/NGO-XV dated 15 June refer.

Regards,  
*H.K. Singh*  
[H.K. Singh]



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Embassy of India  
Tokyo

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Quasi-verbatim record of remarks made by Rev. Nichiko Mochizuki,  
Chief Priest of the Renkoji Temple,  
in his meeting with the Ambassador on 22 June, 2007

Chandra Bose passed away on August 18, 1945. According to literature compiled by the Chandra Bose Academy in Japan, his body was cremated in Taiwan and brought to Japan by his Secretary Mr. Rahman.

A funeral service was held on September 18, 1945 at the Renkoji Temple. 10 to 20 Indians and some 100 Japanese participated in the ceremony.

An Indian gentleman who fought for India's freedom movement lived in Asagaya near the Renkoji temple. He was acquainted with Mr. Rahman. There were many Buddhist temples besides the Renkoji Temple. Each of them declined a request to keep the ashes.

When no one was willing to accept such a difficult task in the midst of social upheaval and confusion in the post-war days, my father, the then Chief Priest of the Renkoji Temple, accepted the request to keep the ashes for a short period of time. He believed that the soul of the dead did not belong to any country, saying "there is no national boundary for souls." My father had kept the ashes with great care and careful attention. Sometimes, he brought the box containing the ashes to bed and held it with his hands while he was sleeping, to ensure its safety. He kept holding memorial services for the repose of the soul of Chandra Bose by reciting sutras.



After the passage of one year since the ashes were kept at the temple, my father heard nothing from anyone about the ashes. He contacted either the Indian Representatives' Office or the Staff Headquarters in Yokohama to know what to do about the ashes. It is not certain which office he actually contacted. Then, an official of the Indian Representatives' Office told my father that they were the ashes of a very important Indian national, urging him not to disclose the fact that they were kept at the Renkoji temple to anybody.

In 1946 or 1947, the British Representative Office in Yokohama told my father to appear. My father was asked to explain why he was keeping the ashes.

After the passage of five or six years since the ashes were placed at the temple, my father wrote a letter to Mr. Nehru, then the Prime Minister of India, about the ashes. In his reply, PM Nehru expressed his gratitude to my father for his dedication. During a visit to Japan, PM Nehru visited the Renkoji Temple to pay respect to the ashes of Chandra Bose. Other Indian PMs also visited the temple. Mr. Shigemitsu, then Foreign Minister of Japan, attended a memorial service for Chandra Bose.

In the meanwhile, private parties approached my father in an attempt to return the ashes to India. Being strongly convinced that only the Indian Government would make a decision on this issue and any private party regardless of whether it is Japanese or Indian must not be involved in it, he turned down such offers. My father strongly believed that the ashes must be taken back to India by the hand of the Government of India and an envoy must be sent to Japan for that purpose.

I am not in a position to say that the Government of India should take the ashes back to India within a definite timeframe. I am aware of the circumstances surrounding the issue in India. I will keep the ashes until the time comes for the return of the ashes to India by the hand of the Government of India. I strongly believe that the Government of India must send an



envoy to receive the ashes. If this is not materialized during my lifetime, the task will be handed over to my son, just like I have assumed it from my father. [*Remarks: The Chief Priest's son will take over from him when he is no more.*]

I am angered by moves of some private parties to intervene in this matter because they totally ignore my family's views and long-term dedication. In February this year, a Japanese man approached us in an attempt to return the ashes to India. He said that he was in contact with an Indian organization associated with Chandra Bose. (The Chief Priest did not reveal the name, but Mrs. Mochizuki mentioned "Azuma".) [*Remarks: Prof. Kazuo Azuma is a Tagore scholar who has played an activist role on the return of the ashes since last year, along with some others in Japan.*]

There is no particular difficulty in carrying out my task of keeping the ashes. All visitors to the temple had been allowed to pay respects to the ashes of Chandra Bose before, but I decided to discontinue this for security reasons. My major concern is a possibility that the ashes could be stolen. To contract a security company like Secom could be among safeguard measures against theft. Such options sometimes come to my mind but I have not so far taken any specific measures to enhance security.

As for the words "Subhas Chandra Bose" written on the box (20cm x15cm x 25cm) containing the ashes, these were written by Mr. Rahman.

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Mrs. Mochizuki conveyed that a pagoda-shaped replica of a Buddhist temple and a pair of candle holders in the Netaji section of Renkoji were gifts from PM Nehru. The box containing the ashes is kept inside this small shrine.





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Fax Message

From : Indembassy Tokyo  
To : Foreign New Delhi  
JS(EA) from DCM

Faxed herewith is unofficial translation of a self-explanatory letter dated October 23, 2006 from Kazuo Azuma regarding Netaji's remains.

No. TOK/102/02/03  
Dated : October 26, 2006

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(S. K. Mandal)



②

October 23, 2006

To

Mr. S. K. Mandal  
Deputy Chief of Mission  
Embassy of India  
Tokyo.

Dear Sir,

We should no longer take it for granted that the Renkoji is prepared to maintain their generosity indefinitely.

At the temple, the Chief Priest Nichiko Mochizuki, the son of the then Chief Priest Kyoei Mochizuki who in 1945 agreed to take care of the Netaji's remains is already in his mid-sixties and is not enjoying good health. Now the day-to-day management of the temple is in charge of his adopted son, the third generation. Undoubtedly the patience on the part of the temple is fast thinning out. It is simply unfair and unwise to defer the repatriation year after year.

In this context, it is worth mentioning that the priest of the Renkoji temple has agreed to cooperate on DNA testing of Netaji's remains.

Thus we have to think very seriously on the issue of Renkoji temple. You may please be informed about the situation at Renkoji and a serious feeling of the Japanese on the issue.

We will be much obliged in that case.

Kazuo Azuma



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Dated	16 October, 2006
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**Joint Secretary (EA) from Ambassador**

Head Priest of Renjo-Ji Temple, Rev. Nichiko Mochizuki, called on me this morning.

2. He made it clear this was purely a courtesy call on newly arrived Ambassador, and he had no political agenda.
3. In a matter of fact fashion, he mentioned that he offers a daily prayer for Netaji and the Temple organizes an annual Memorial Service on 18 August. His father had taken the ashes of Netaji into his protection and he himself will continue to do so.
4. Rev. Mochizuki conveyed that he had heard our PM will be visiting Tokyo later this year. If at all possible, he requested consideration of a visit by PM to Renko-Ji.
5. The meeting ended with an exchange of pleasantries.
6. For your information, many of our visiting dignitaries have visited Renko-Ji in the past, the last being former PM Vajpayee in December, 2001. If possible, matter can be given consideration in context of forthcoming visit.

With best regards,

(H. K. Singh)



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スバス・チャンドラ・ボースの遺骨が安置されて  
いる供養塔

*The shrine containing the ashes of Subhas Chandra Bose*

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Ministry of External Affairs  
(East Asia Division)

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**Subject: Mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan on behalf of Government of India – Letter dated 7.12.2006 addressed to the Prime Minister by Shri Barun Mukherjee, MP (Rajya Sabha) and Shri Subrata Bose, Leader of All India Forward Bloc in Lok Sabha and Nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose – reg.**


Reference is invited to PMO I.D No.915/11/C/2/2006-POL (Vol.III) dated 13.6.2007.

2. The undersigned is directed to state that the letter dated 7.12.2006 has been carefully examined in the Ministry. It has been decided in principle by the External Affairs Minister that, bearing in mind that Government of India has accepted that these are indeed the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and also noting that the new Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple has conveyed that he may no longer be in a position to ensure preservation of the remains with due respect at Renkoji, the ashes be relocated to a suitable place in the new building of the Indian Embassy in Tokyo. Construction work on the new Chancery will begin in July 2007 and is expected to be completed by July 2009. The Ambassador of India in Tokyo has been asked to suggest appropriate modalities, after which final approval will be accorded.

  
(Vijay Gokhale)  
Joint Secretary (EA)  
Tel: 23012038

Prime Minister's Office, Shri Rudrendra Tandon, Deputy Secretary  
MEA U.O.NO. No.25/4/NGO-XV

Dated: June 18, 2007

  
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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

**Subject:** Mortal remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan on behalf of Government. Of India – Letter dated 7.12.06 addressed to the Prime Minister by Shri Barun Mukherjee, MP(RS) and Shri Subrata Bose, Leader of All India Forward Bloc in Lok Sabha & Nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose reg.

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Reference this office's communication on the above-mentioned subject.

2. MEA is requested for a status report on the above-mentioned issue.

Urgent

P.P.U. on file.

H.S.  
14.6.2007

(Rudrendra Tandon)  
Deputy Secretary

NSC

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✓ Joint Secretary(EA), MEA

PMO I.D. No.915/11/C/2/2006-Pol (Vol.III) Dated: 13.6.2007



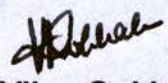
From: Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (EA), MEA, New Delhi  
To: Shri H.K. Singh, Ambassador of India, Tokyo

No.25/4/NGO-XV

June 15, 2007

Reference ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at Renkoji Temple.

2. I have been directed to inform you that a decision has been taken in principle I to relocate the ashes to a suitable place in the new Chancery building on GOI owned land, construction of which will begin next month. Decision has been taken at highest level. Grateful if HOM immediately forwards specific proposal for relocation of ashes in suitable place in new Chancery building, along with comments, for formal consideration / decision. Matter may kindly be treated as **most immediate**.

  
(Vijay Gokhale)  
Joint Secretary (EA)



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**From:** Anita Pfaff <anita.pfaff@gmail.com>  
**To:** ambassador@indianembassy.de  
**Date:** 06-08-2007 12:02  
**Subject:** Letter to His Excellency Prime Minister Singh from Anita Pfaff

Discussed w/ SAM + PM,  
I have asked Amb, Berlin to  
tell Mrs Pfaff that the message  
has been conveyed  
+ to await dispatch.

Madam Ambassador, dear Mrs. Shankar,

herewith I am forwarding a letter to His Excellency the Prime Minister as an attachment.

It summarizes the issues which I discussed with you by phone.

I would be very grateful, if the letter could be passed on to the Prime Minister (or his personal secretary) during his stay in Berlin.

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JS(SA)

Hoping to meet you sometime soon!

Best regards, sincerely yours

Anita Pfaff

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#### Attachments

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Mrs. Meera Shankar,  
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June 8, 2007

Re.: Netaji's remains at Renkoji Temple in Tokyo

Dear Prime Minister,

It was indeed a pleasure and honour to meet you about a year and a half ago at your residence. During that visit we touched upon the submission of the Mookherji Report and related matters.

I am addressing this letter to you and I will address a similar letter to Minister of External Affairs Sri Pranab Mukherji in order to keep you abreast of more recent developments and of my intentions with regard to those issues.

Last December I was approached by Prof. Kazuo Azuma and Former Ambassador to India Eijiro Noda, members of the Japanese-Indian Association in Tokyo, asking me, whether I would be willing to take charge of my father's remains, since after 60 years they felt that somebody should do so. This evidently is also to be seen in connection with the present priest Rev. Mochizuki's deteriorating health. I wrote to them that I would certainly be willing to take charge of my father's remains and that I would then take them to India and there perform the appropriate rites. I also advised them of the fact that I would like to have a DNA test done provided this is technically possible, in order to hopefully convince some of those people (including a number of my relatives) who do not believe that my father died following the plane crash in Taipei and therefore do not accept the ashes in Renkoji Temple as his remains. I am in the process of investigating options and organizing the DNA test. Following the tests I am planning to take his remains from Tokyo to India. I have not ultimately decided how exactly to deal with his remains there. However, at least part of his remains will be immersed in the river Ganges - as appropriate for a devout Hindu.

It would be of interest to me to know if and how the Government of India intends to be involved in the return of my father's remains. My impression is that the Japanese persons concerned would welcome - and in fact did expect - such participation and involvement, but feel that nothing is likely to happen in the near future. Evidently, however, they wish to be relieved of the responsibility which they have accepted a long time ago and have borne much longer than originally expected by them.

As of this date I am not sure how fast all the necessary steps can be taken, but I hope to conclude the transfer of his remains to India during this year - the 60<sup>th</sup> year of India's independence and the year of his 110<sup>th</sup> birthday. It would appear to be a good time, since owing to circumstances ten years ago we could not conclude these functions at that time.

I would welcome your reactions to the plans outlined above.

Hoping that you had successful meetings in Germany, I remain with all good wishes

Sincerely yours

Anita B. Pfaff





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~~Secret~~

No. 11/JS(ERS)/2007

20 April 2007

Dear

Please refer to AS (PP) and Appellate Authority (RTI)'s self-explanatory note [enclosed] no. 30/AS(PP)/2007 dated 28 March 2007. In the context of the AS (PP)'s note, JS (CNV) has listed correspondence between the Russian and Indian sides regarding Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's reported stay in the then USSR. JS(CNV) has suggested that we may disclose this correspondence between India and Russia to the appellant. A copy of JS (CNV)'s note is also enclosed.

2. AS (PP) has requested for Eurasia Division's views. In our opinion, it may be necessary to confirm with the Russian side whether they would have any objection to release of correspondence received from them on this subject. In this context, copies of the correspondence, as available in CNV Division's records, are enclosed. It would be appreciated if the Mission could ascertain the views of the Russian side before the enclosed documents are released to the appellant. Mission's response may kindly be addressed to AS(PP) with copy to JS(CNV) and ERS Division.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-  
(Dr. J. Bhagwati)

Shri Divyabh Manchanda  
Deputy Chief Of Mission  
Embassy of India, Moscow

Copy (without enclosures) to: via NGO

- ✓ i) AS(PP)
- ii) JS(CNV)

( Dr. J. Bhagwati )



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Most Immediate

Right to Information Matter  
Time Bound

Ministry of External Affairs  
Additional Secretary (PP)'s Office

**Sub. : Appeal filed by Shri Anuj Dhar under Right to Information Act, 2005.**

Shri Anuj Dhar had initially requested this Ministry last year requesting form information on the following two points:-

1. Certified copies of complete correspondence the MEA has had with the Governments of the USSR and the Russian Federation over the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.
2. Confirmation on whether the Ministry had sought information from the erstwhile Soviet Union and now the Russian Federation by merely issuing Notes Verbale, or some serious efforts were ever made at a higher (say Ministerial) level to uncover the mystery surrounding the fate of Netaji.

The information was denied to Shri Dhar by this Ministry whereupon he filed an appeal with the CIC. The appeal was considered by the CIC on 23 March, 2007. The CIC has directed that the Ministry should have the documents under reference carefully examined by a panel of experts to determine whether the information sought by the applicant can be given or not.

While we have not received the final decision of the Commission, this would a time-bound exercise and it is, therefore, requested that JS(CNV) may please make the records available to me for a preliminary examination so that expeditious action can be taken on receipt of the formal decision of the CIC.

*A Choudhry*  
(Ajai Choudhry)  
Additional Secretary (PP) &  
Appellate Authority (RTI)  
28 March 2007

**JS(CNV)**

Copy, forwarded to, JS(Eurasia), with the request that any papers on the above subject with the Eurasia Division may please be sent to me as soon as possible.



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7<sup>th</sup> March 2007

Shri Pranab Mukherjee  
Union Minister of External Affairs  
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Dear Pranab-babu,

My sister- in- law Anita Bose Pfaff had recently written a letter to Mr. Noda, former Japanese Ambassador in India and Professor Azuma, well known scholar, in response to their letter. She has sent me a copy of her letter. She also wished to send a copy to you. Here is a copy for you.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Keishua Bose*

Prof. Mrs. Krishna Bose  
Chairperson

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*[Signature]*  
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~~JS(EA)~~

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Mr. Eijiro Noda  
Former Ambassador to India

Augsburg, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Dear Professor Azuma, dear Mr. Noda,

Thank you very much for your letter informing me about the exchange of letters between their Excellencies the former Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Yoshiro Mori and the Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh regarding the transfer of the remains of my father Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Japan to India. I had not been aware of the exchange of letters so far.

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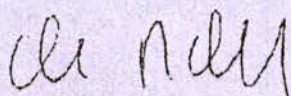
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7<sup>th</sup> March 2007

Shri Shiv Shankar Menon  
Foreign Secretary  
Ministry of External Affairs  
Government of India  
South Block  
New Delhi 110 001

Dear Shri Menon,

My sister-in-law Anita Bose Pfaff had recently written a letter to Mr. Noda, former Japanese Ambassador in India and Professor Azuma, well known scholar, in response to their letter. She has sent me a copy of her letter. She also wished to send a copy to you. Here is a copy for you.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Krishna Bose*

Prof. Mrs. Krishna Bose  
Chairperson

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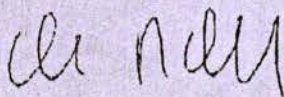
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*D. Shaw.*  
[Debnath Shaw]  
Joint Secretary (CNV)  
26 March 2007

Separate Copies

- 1.JS (Coord)
- 2.JS (Welfare & Information)

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Dy. No. 7.6./DS(FSP)/.9.  
दिनांक 16/3  
Date 16/3

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*Arindam Bagchi*  
(Arindam Bagchi)  
DS(FSP)  
16th March, 2007

IS(AD) CNV Division of MEA is aware of the Justice Mukharji Commission of Inquiry (JMC I). However, the administrative Ministry of JMC I is MHA, Secretary (C/o JS (Security)). ~~Pls check records of JMC I~~

IS(Coord.) SO(NGO) may pl check, if there is any other info on such Commission/Committee set up by MEA under the Inquiry Act between 1987 to 2005.

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no record of any Commission/Committee of Inquiry could be located in NAO.

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Date 6/3  
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No. 970/JS (Coord.)/2007  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(Coordination Division)  
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*(Yogesh Gupta)*  
Joint Secretary (Coord.)  
March 5, 2007

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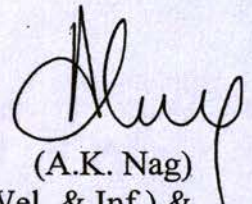
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Ministry of External Affairs  
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Encl.....As above

  
(A.K. Nag)

Joint Secretary (Wel. & Inf.) &  
Central Public Information Officer  
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(South Block)

**RTI MATTER/MOST IMMEDIATE**

No.A.43020/07/2007-RTI  
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar  
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya  
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New Delhi, Dated 21<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2007

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( S.K. BHATNAGAR )  
DEPUTY SECRETARY (A&P) & CPIO  
Tele. No. 23092035

To  
All Joint Secretaries (Divisional Heads), MHA.

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**MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**ANNEXURE**

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					taken action	not taken action	filed report



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पंजीकृत

मैं,

सार्वजनिक सूचना अधिकारी,  
कार्यालय अपर सचिव, गृह मंत्रालय,  
भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली।

विषय: सूचना के अधिकार 2005 के अन्तर्गत सूचना देने बारे।

महोदय,

1. आवेदक का नाम सुदर्शन कुमार शर्मा  
2. पता महामृत्युंजय सदन, मकान नं. 1676,  
सैक्टर-10, हाऊसिंग बोर्ड कालोनी,  
अम्बाला शहर (हरियाणा)

3. सूचना के आपेक्षित ब्यौरे:-

क) सूचना के विषय वस्तु जांच आयोगों के बारे में।

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ग) आपेक्षित सूचना का वर्णन:- भारत सरकार ने 1987 से लेकर 2005

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4. क्या सूचना डाक द्वारा या व्यक्तिगत रूप में: हां  
(वास्तविक डाक प्रभार अतिरिक्त फीस में शामिल होंगे)

5. डाक की दशा में पंजीकृत डाक द्वारा

गृह मंत्रालय Ministry of Home Affairs नई दिल्ली/New Delhi
14 FEB 2007
ओ.पी.ए. सं. 14386 O.P.A. No. ....

6. सूचना फीस एवं रिकार्ड की फीस कुल 40/- पोस्टल आर्डर सं. 02/2007 द्वारा भेजी जाती है।

7. रजिस्ट्रार को सूचना दी जा रही है कि सूचना के अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अन्तर्गत सूचना देने का कष्ट करें।

संलग्न: पोस्टल आर्डर  
दिनांक: 10.02.2007

आवेदक के हस्ताक्षर

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Dy. No. 716/DS(FSP)/9.  
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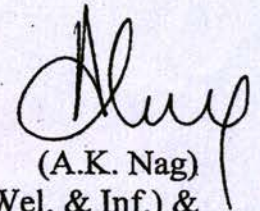
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ANNEXURE

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## पंजीकृत

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सार्वजनिक सूचना अधिकारी,  
कार्यालय अपर सचिव, गृह मंत्रालय,  
भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली।

विषय: सूचना के अधिकार 2005 के अन्तर्गत सूचना देने बारे।

महोदय,

1. आवेदक का नाम

सुदर्शन कुमार शर्मा

2. पता

महामृत्युंजय सदन, मकान नं.1676,  
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क) सूचना के विषय वस्तु

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ग) आपेक्षित सूचना का वर्णन:- भारत सरकार ने 1987 से लेकर 2005

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किया गया उसका विषयइन आयोगों के  
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उनकी संख्या बताई जाये।

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4. क्या सूचना डाक द्वारा या व्यक्तिगत रूप में: हां  
(वास्तविक डाक प्रभार अतिरिक्त फीस में शामिल होंगे)

5. डाक की दशा में

पंजीकृत डाक द्वारा

6. सूचना फीस एवं रिकार्ड की फीस कुल 40/- पोस्टल आर्डर सं० 24/10/5297556-57

7. रजिस्ट्रार को जमा में डाक द्वारा भेजी जाती है। दिनांक 10.02.2007

संलग्न: पोस्टल आर्डर

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आवेदक के हस्ताक्षर

गृह मंत्रालय Ministry of Home Affairs नई दिल्ली/New Delhi
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**Reminder-III**  
**Most Immediate**

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4. Response in the matter may kindly be expedited.



**(D.B. Venkatesh Varma)**  
**Director**

✓ **Director(FSO)/Joint Secretary(EA),MEA**

PMO I.D. no. V-710/JS(S)/06

Dated: 7.2.2007

*input*  
*may kindly accept, for appropriate action*  
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*JS(EA)*

*This job is under submission to F/EXM with our recommendations.*

*MH*  
*8/3/07*

*8.3.2007*  
*J(EA-D) / N20*

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PMO I.D. no. V-710/JS(S)/06

Dated: 25.01.2007

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Mr Shivshankar Menon  
Foreign Secretary

Tokyo

Dec. 16 / 2006

Dear Mr Menon,

Delighted indeed to welcome you in Tokyo.

Belatedly I must congratulate you for assuming the post of Foreign Secretary. I am sure the Indian diplomacy will make a跃进 with your brilliance and wisdom!

Because of your busy schedule I am afraid we cannot find time for 拜访 this time, but perhaps hopefully in Delhi next year.

But I just want to leave you a note (my thinking-aloud) which you please keep in your mind.

您同意不同意您不要告诉我。

With warm regards

Eijun Noda

By the way.

P.S.

小泉下台了，安倍晋三当首相以后，看来  
日中、日韩关系呈现了一个新的明朗的局面，  
我们日本人都松了一口气！



○ Eihiro Noda thinks cloud. as follows:

Re: The issue of the remains of the late Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

I have come to understand how difficult it is still with the Indian government to solve this problem which is 60 year-old. To my disappointment, it now appears unlikely that your government could remove this difficulty in the foreseeable future.

On the other hand, I feel obliged to lay emphasis on the pertinent situation in Japan: In the most difficult circumstances in Japan in September 1945, when the American occupation was taking hold of Japan, the late Chief Priest of the Rentoji Temple, Rev. Kyoei Mochizuki 望月 敬栄, dared to take care of the remains in his temple with his Buddhist beliefs and conducted a solemn funeral. Since he protected the remains with the utmost care and respect, performed a prayer service every year on 17th August, commemorating the day of the Netaji's demise. After he passed away, his son Rev. Nichiko Mochizuki 望月 日守 inherited



the Temple and strictly adhered to his father's wishes, by continuing the custody up to now. He however is already in his sixties and is not enjoying good health. At the moment, the day-to-day management of the Temple is in the hands of his adopted son, the third generation. The well-meaning patience on the part of the Chief Priest is visibly thinning out. He appears increasingly frustrated. It should no longer be taken for granted that the temple's generosity, which has lasted over sixty years since 1945, could be maintained indefinitely. I sensed this sober situation some time ago when I visited the Chief Priest. Frankly I am afraid that to allow this unfortunate status quo to prolong would be detrimental to the friendly relations between our two peoples.

The only way practical to have this problem disappear would be :

- (a) Both the governments of India and Japan disengage themselves officially from the issue.
- (b) Allow the Chief Priest of the Rentsuji



Temple to hand the remains directly to the sole immediate offspring of the Netaji (Netaji's daughter) Professor Aruna Bose Pfaff who resides in Augsburg Germany. The transfer of the remains may take place according to whatever way they mutually agree.

P.S No.2

Personally I admire India's culture and history. I have the privilege of enjoying friendships with quite a few Indian friends and I am optimistic in promoting our friendly ties, but this issue is perhaps the only thing that makes me feel uncomfortable. Your assistance would be most appreciated. Thank you



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**Reminder**  
**Most immediate**

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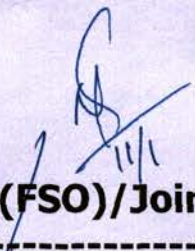
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**Director**

  
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PMO I.D. no. V-710/JS(S)/06

Dated: 10.1.2007

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Previous papers were marked to EAM vide FS' Dy. No. 14863 dt. 26.12.06. No further movement from EAM's Office.

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Previous papers were traced from EAM's office and is placed below

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Most recent of India-South Africa  
kept in the Foreign Office in London on behalf of  
Govt of India - Letter dated 7.11.06 forwarded to  
the Prime Minister by the South African  
(Cape Town) and the Indian High Commission, London of all  
India Forward Office in Cape Town & Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs, New Delhi.

Reference is made to the letter of 10.12.06 on the above subject.

Response in the matter may kindly be expedited.

(S. V. Venkatesh Varma)  
Director

Director (Joint Secretary (E&A))

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## **PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

Reference is invited to the enclosed letter addressed to PM by Shri Subrata Bose, MP and Shri Barun Mukherjee, MP.

2. PM has indicated that he wishes to have this matter looked into by MEA.

3. May kindly see.

*Sujata Mehta*  
(Sujata Mehta)

Joint Secretary to PM

Director (FSO)/Joint Secretary (EA), MEA

PMO ID No.V-710/JS(S)/06

dated: December 20, 2006

*JS*  
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Discussed with FS, who has spoken to EAM regarding the issue of the ashes of Netaji kept at Runkoji Shrine. FS may wish to bring 'A' in the enclosed letter to EAM's attention.

EAM may wish to see.

*FS*

*JS*  
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*JS*  
21/12/2007



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07.12.2006

Hon'ble Dr. Manmohan Singh,  
Prime Minister,  
Government of India,  
New Delhi.

Dear Dr. Manmohan Singhji,

It has been reported in one of Bengali newspapers published from Kolkata in its today's issue that during your forthcoming visit to Japan, the Japanese Government may propose to you take some decision in the matter of taking over of the alleged remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan on behalf of the Government of India.

I have to bring to your attention once again that, inspite of your Government's decision to reject the Report of Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, overwhelming majority of the members of the Bose family, All India Forward Bloc and numerous people of India are of the firm view that the Government of India should accept the Report of the said Commission of Inquiry which stated that Netaji did not die in an air crash on 18th August, 1945 and that the ashes kept in Renkoji Temple in Japan were not of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We, therefore, urge upon you not to consider any such proposal as stated above, if made.

We may also reiterate that if any decision in favour of taking over the alleged remains kept in a Temple in Japan on behalf of the Government of India is taken, members of the Bose family, All India Forward Bloc and people of India shall oppose such an action tooth and nail. We also demand that financial assistance to the Renkoji Temple by the Government of India should be stopped immediately.

With kind regards,

*Barun Mukherjee*

(Barun Mukherjee)  
Member of Rajya Sabha  
representing All India  
Forward Bloc

Yours sincerely,

*Subrata Bose*

(Subrata Bose)  
Leader of All India Forward  
Bloc in Lok Sabha & Nephew  
of Netaji Subhas Chandra  
Bose



# Two generations after Netaji, call for his ashes to be brought back

RENUKA PURI

SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

**H**ARVARD historian Prof Sugata Bose today said the UPA government should take a stand and bring back Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's ashes from the Renkoji temple, and build a memorial in Delhi.

"Since this government has rejected the Mukherjee commission's report, it should be consistent in its stand and bring back the ashes and build a memorial here in Delhi because Netaji's slogan 'Chalo Delhi' had inspired Indians during the freedom struggle," Bose, grandnephew of Netaji, told *The Indian Express*.

He said Netaji had been a "great and popular leader, but did not get the respect from the government that he deserved." He also said differences between him (Netaji) and Gandhiji had always been "exagger-

**Grandnephew and Harvard historian Sugata Bose says Mukherjee panel proceedings a farce. 'I have no doubt, as a historian, that he died in the air crash'**

ated" whereas they shared a relationship of love and respect.

Critical of Mukherjee panel's report, Prof Bose said, "The proceedings of the Mukherjee Commission were a farce and it produced an absurd report. I have no doubt, as a historian, that he died in the air crash. The commission entertained people who knew nothing about Netaji."

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Netaji Research Bureau, the 12th and final volume of the works of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, authored by Prof Bose, was released by External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee and Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore S Jayakumar.

The book is titled *Chalo Delhi: Collected Works of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose*.

At the launch ceremony, Prof Bose said this project was undertaken by his father Sisir Kumar Bose, a leading paediatrician, and the first volume was brought out in 1980. "It is a proud moment for us as we have been able to complete what my father started at the Netaji Research Bureau way back in 1957," he said.

The last volume captures the speeches and letters of Netaji, between mid-1943 and August 1945, which according to Prof Bose, "was the peak of Netaji's political life, when he was the Supreme Commander of the Indian National Army."

Prof Bose said the volume, besides the fiery speeches and letters, also has two very private letters that were hitherto unpublished and show the "humane side of a great military hero." While one of them was addressed to a woman soldier of the Rani Jhansi unit of the INA, the other was addressed to the cadets undergoing training in Tokyo.

Mukherjee, in his speech, said the book gave an opportunity to take a pledge to free the country from economic bondage, one of the ideals cherished by Netaji.

The Singapore Dy-PM also recalled the common history shared by India and his country, with regard to Netaji's raising of INA, and said he felt honoured to be a part of the book-launch.

Krishna Bose, former Rajya Sabha MP and mother of Prof Bose, said the book was about the "glorious chapter of the Indian freedom struggle".



Union Minister Pranab Mukherjee with Sugata Bose at the book launch on Monday

In Netaji Plc. Sg.

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ARJUN ASRANI IFS, (Retd).

FAX MESSAGE

11 Dec. 2006

To Shri C. Rajasekhar  
Dir (EA), MEA

Fm. Arjun Asrani

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Please show this to JS and FS before they leave for Japan.

Regards,

Sd/-

May kindly see.

~~JS (EA)~~

Dir (EA)

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Sh. MH  
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✓ JS (CNV)

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H. E. Ambassador  
MR ARJUN ASRANI  
NEW DELHI

Dec11, 2006  
Tokyo

Dear Asrani Taishi sama,

Hope this again finds you in good health. Thank you for your kind e-mail message dated Dec. 5, 2006. I am looking forward to meeting your former deputy in Tokyo. I have read an English translation of an article printed in a Bengali daily

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DOZO YOROSHIKU ONEGAI ITASHIMASU  
Eijiro Noda



Translation of Article published in Bengali Daily Anand Bazar Patrika on 7/12/2006

**Centre wants to resolve debate by handing over the ashes to Netaji's daughter**

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New Delhi feels Tokyo is likely to renew a diplomatic pressure on ashes-issue during PM Dr. Manmohan Singh's upcoming visit to Japan. For this reason Delhi is trying to proceed on this sensitive issue keeping all sides satisfied. Such a solution is being thought of that will neither hurt sentiments on Netaji nor create political dispute.

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The govt. learnt lessons from the bitter experience during Narasimha Rao's regime. The then govt. had the opinion to bring back the ashes to India respecting the demand of the majority people. Mr. Pranab Mukherjee was also the Foreign Minister then. He visited Germany to get the opinion of Netaji's wife and daughter. They consented if the ashes were brought back to India with due honour and respect, Mr. Mukherjee then visited Renkoji temple in Japan. Soon there rose a fierce political dispute in West Bengal on the issue. Forward Bloc that does not believe in Netaji's marriage and death raised strong opposition to the move. Mamta Bannerjee (then in Congress) also joined in the protest.

Japan govt. has also time and again raised the question why India will not take back the last remains of such a big leader of their country? It was even proposed that India permitting, Japan is ready to send its military force to carry back the ashes to India with full honour bearing the entire expenses. Sometime ago Sugunami's (place where the temple is located) Mayor during his visit to Kolkata raised the same question to Netaji's family.



Delhi is of the opinion that this solution will be able to resolve all the complexity that arose of the ashes issue.



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ARJUN ASRANI IFS (Retd.)

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P.S. to PM

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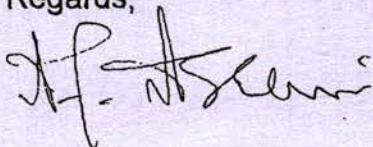
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Under such circumstances, New Delhi is thought of two solutions, sequentially. Firstly, so long the controversial ashes will be kept at Renkoji, India will bear a major part of the cost incurred for its maintenance and related expenses. Promise will be made to the Japanese govt. soon to this regard. New Delhi will also provide the necessary fund to the Trust under head priest of Renkoji temple. Secondly, if Netaji's daughter, Mrs. Anita Puff wishes to retain the ashes, she would be allowed. And it will be her personal decision whether to take the ashes to Germany or to keep them at Netaji museum in Kolkata. The govt. will not intrude into it.

It is clear, New Delhi is not willing to shoulder the political liability any more. Consequently the Centre will be able to shackle Japan's pressure on one hand, and also put to rest the debate on giving recognition to the ashes.

The govt. learnt lessons from the Little experience during Narasimha Rao's regime. The then govt. had the opinion to bring back the ashes to India respecting the demand of the majority people. Mr. Pranab Mukherjee was also the foreign minister then. He visited Germany to get the opinion of Netaji's wife and daughter. They consented if the ashes were brought back to India with due honour and respect. Mr. Mukherjee then visited Renkoji temple in Japan. Soon there arose a fierce political dispute in West Bengal on the issue. Forward Bloc, that does not believe in Netaji's marriage and death, raised strong opposition to the move. Mamata Banerjee (then in Congress) also joined in the protest.

Japan govt. has also time and again raised the question why India will not take back the last remains of such a big leader to their country? It was even proposed that India permitting, Japan is ready to send its military force to carry back the ashes to India with full honour bearing the entire expenses. Some time ago Sugunami's (place where the temple is located) Mayor during his visit to Kolkata raised the same question to Netaji's family.

Delhi is of the opinion that this solution will be able to resolve all the complexity that arose of the ashes issue.



## চিতাভস্ম নেতাজি-কন্যাকে দিয়ে বিতর্ক মেটাতে চায় কেন্দ্র

অগ্নি রায় ✧ নয়াদিল্লি



বিতর্ক এড়াতে রেনকোজি মন্দিরে গত ষাট বছর ধরে রক্ষিত চিতাভস্ম নেতাজি-কন্যার হাতে তুলে দিতে চাইছে মনমোহন সরকার। জাপান সরকারের চাপের মুখে কেন্দ্রের সূত্র, চিতাভস্ম তুলে দেওয়া হোক নেতাজির কন্যা অনিতা প্যাফের হাতে। আর যত দিন না এই হস্তান্তর হচ্ছে, তত দিন ভারত চিতাভস্ম

রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ ব্যয়ের বড় অংশ বহন করবে। নয়াদিল্লির অনুমান, প্রধানমন্ত্রী মনমোহন সিংহের আসন্ন জাপান সফরে ওই চিতাভস্ম নিয়ে নতুন করে কূটনৈতিক চাপ তৈরি করবে টোকিও। সেই কারণেই এই স্পর্শকাতর বিষয়টিতে সব দিক বাঁচিয়ে এগোতে চাইছে দিল্লি। তাই এমন সূত্রের কথা ভাবা হয়েছে, যাতে নেতাজি নিয়ে আবেগের আগুনে ঘটাহতি না পড়ে এবং রাজনৈতিক বিরোধের সম্ভাবনা তৈরি না হয়।

প্রধানমন্ত্রীর জাপান সফরে রেনকোজি মন্দির দর্শনের কর্মসূচিও রাখা হয়নি। বিদেশমন্ত্রী প্রণব মুখোপাধ্যায়ের বক্তব্য, “রেনকোজি যাওয়ার পরিকল্পনা রাখিনি। তার পরেও যদি ওঁরা অনুরোধ করেন, তখন দেখা যাবে।” এর থেকে স্পষ্ট যে, রেনকোজি মন্দিরে ঘটা করে ফুল দিয়ে দেশে কোনও রকম বিতর্ক ডেকে আনতে চাইছে না মনমোহন সরকার।

মুখার্জি কমিশনের রিপোর্ট সংসদে পেশ হওয়ার পর পরিস্থিতি আরও জটিল হয়েছে বলে মনে করছে বিদেশ মন্ত্রক। পাঁচ বছর অনুসন্ধান ও গবেষণার পর কমিশনের বক্তব্য, বিমান দুর্ঘটনায় মারা যাননি নেতাজি সুভাষচন্দ্র বসু। রেনকোজির চিতাভস্মও তাঁর নয়। কমিশন বলেছে, নেতাজি আজ আর বেঁচে নেই। বয়সের কারণেই সেটা সম্ভব নয়। তবে কবে কী ভাবে তাঁর মৃত্যু হয়েছে, সে সম্পর্কে স্পষ্ট ব্যাখ্যা দিতে পারেনি কমিশন। বলা হয়েছে, এ ব্যাপারে কোনও সঠিক প্রমাণ তাদের কাছে নেই। নেতাজি-বিশেষজ্ঞদের মতে, এর ফলে বিষয়টি নিয়ে জটিলতা আরও বেড়েছে বই কমেনি।

এই পরিস্থিতিতে নয়াদিল্লি পর্যায়ক্রমে দু'টি সমাধান সূত্রের কথা ভেবেছে। প্রথমত, রেনকোজিতে যত দিন ওই বিতর্কিত চিতাভস্ম থাকবে, তার রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ ও আনুষঙ্গিক ব্যয়ভারের একটি বড় অংশ বহন করবে ভারত। এই ব্যাপারে জাপান সরকারকে শীঘ্রই প্রতিশ্রুতি দেওয়া হবে। রেনকোজির প্রধান পুরোহিতের অধীনে যে ট্রাস্ট আছে,



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সেখানেও প্রয়োজনীয় অর্থ দেবে নয়াদিল্লি। দ্বিতীয়ত, নেতাজি-কন্যা অনিতা প্যাফ সেই চিতাভস্ম নিতে চাইলে তাঁকে তা দেওয়ারও অনুমতি দেওয়া হবে। সেই ভস্ম তিনি জার্মানিতে নিয়ে যাবেন, না কলকাতায় নেতাজি সংগ্রহশালায় রাখবেন, সেই সিদ্ধান্তও একান্ত ভাবে তাঁরই হবে। এ ব্যাপারে কোনও ভাবেই নাক গলাবে না ভারত।

যেটা স্পষ্ট, এই কূটনৈতিক দায় নিজের ঘাড়ে রাখতে চাইছে না নয়াদিল্লি। আর তাই এই সূত্রের মাধ্যমে এক দিকে যেমন জাপানের চাপ সামাল দেওয়া যাবে, অন্য দিকে তেমনই ওই চিতাভস্মকে ভারত স্বীকৃতি দিল কি দিল না, তা নিয়ে অসন্তোষের অবকাশও থাকবে না।

নরসিংহ রাওয়ের সরকারের সময় বিষয়টি নিয়ে যে তিক্ত অভিজ্ঞতা হয়েছিল, তার থেকে শিক্ষা নিয়েছে সরকার। তদানীন্তন সরকারের মতামত ছিল, দেশের সংখ্যাগরিষ্ঠ মানুষ চান, ওই চিতাভস্ম ভারতে নিয়ে আসা হোক। তখনও বিদেশমন্ত্রী ছিলেন প্রণববাবুই। তাঁকে জার্মানিতে পাঠানো হয়েছিল নেতাজির স্ত্রী ও কন্যার মতামত নিতে। তাঁরা জানিয়েছিলেন, সসম্মানে যদি চিতাভস্ম নিয়ে আসা হয়, তবে আপত্তির কোনও কারণ নেই। এর পরে প্রণববাবু জাপানে গিয়ে রেনকোজি মন্দির পরিদর্শন করেন। বিষয়টি নিয়ে পশ্চিমবঙ্গে তুমুল রাজনৈতিক বিরোধ শুরু হয়। নেতাজির বিবাহ এবং মৃত্যুর তত্ত্বে অবিস্থাসী ফরওয়ার্ড ব্লক নেতারা প্রতিবাদ জানাতে থাকেন। তাতে যোগ দেন মমতা বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়ও (তিনি তখন কংগ্রেসেই ছিলেন)।

জাপান সরকারের তরফেও বারবার প্রশ্ন তোলা হয়েছে, ভারতের এত বড় নেতার শেষ স্মৃতিচিহ্নটুকু কেন ফিরিয়ে নেওয়া হবে না? এমন কী, এ কথাও বলা হয়েছিল, অনুমতি পেলে নিজের খরচে জাপান সেনা সসম্মানে সেই চিতাভস্ম ভারতে দিয়ে যেতে পারে। কিছু দিন আগে সুগেনামির (যে এলাকায় ওই মন্দির) মেয়র কলকাতায় এসে একই প্রশ্ন তুলেছিলেন নেতাজির পরিবারের কাছে। দিল্লি মনে করছে, চিতাভস্ম নিয়ে এই সার্বিক জটিলতা এ বার কাটিয়ে ওঠা সম্ভব হবে এই সমাধান সূত্রের মাধ্যমে।



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From: masako noda  
 To: askasrani@yahoo.co.in  
 Date: Monday, 22 January, 2007 6:34:02 AM  
 Subject: Hello Ambassador Asrani

HEAmbassador Mr. Arjun Asrani

New Delhi, India

Dear Asrani Taishisama,

Hope this finds you in good health. I thank you for sending the message dated Jan. 15 which sounded encouraging. With God's blessing our fast track which used to work still functions!

Kindly convey my following message to Mr. Menon.

Thank you very much

Eijiro Noda

Tokyo Jan. 21, 2007

Dear Mr. Menon,

It was very thoughtful of you to have informed Ambassador Enoki of your present position on this issue. I sincerely hope that you be good enough to keep the Ambassador informed of the developments from time to time so that he can feel assured that a positive deliberation is taking place in Delhi.

Thank you very much.

With warm regards,

Eijiro Noda

Dear Shankar,

I tried in vain to forward the message above by e-mail to you. Hence this FAX. Noda telephoned a couple of days ago to say that Amb. M. K. Singh had enquired from him at a party on 24th Jan. whether he had received a letter from the Foreign Sec. Noda was wondering whether the said letter had gone wrong. I told him it must be the message you had conveyed through me. Hope I was right.

Warm regards,

Ajay Asrani

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To F.S. from Arjun Asrani  
Any suggestions to the comments I  
should offer.

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H.E. Ambassador  
MR ARJUN ASRANI

NEW DELHI

Jan 12. 2007

I have spoken  
to Enoki on Friday 12/1  
and said that we  
will make arrangements  
if possible but need  
him to speak to Shin  
Asano who will  
do the needful.

Dear Asrani Taisho-sama,

Happy New Year to you and your family!

Thank you for your kind message dated Dec. 28. 2006.

Allow me to send you a scenario that I have  
in my mind at the moment for the issue.

- It would be very helpful if some direct communication should take place between your key official (perhaps Mr Menon) and Dr Anita Pfaff.
- Mr Menon should kindly inform Ambassador Enoki in this regard.
- Dr Pfaff then can and should send a letter direct to the Daijishi Prison, the Rm. Nishiku Mochizuki, expressing her wish to have the remains transferred.
- The modality of transfer can be agreed upon and be worked out with the unofficial but effective assistance to be offered by the authorities of both <sup>the</sup> governments.

→ kindly give your comments.

With warm regards

Eijun Ueda

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(East Asia Division)**

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Enclosed is copy of a typed version of a letter sent recently by Ambassador E. Noda, who was earlier the Japanese Ambassador to India, to Shri Arjun Asrani, formerly Ambassador of India, Tokyo regarding the issue of the ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, presently kept at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. The letter suggests that the decision on the return of the ashes to India should not be postponed. [JS(S) is aware of the background of the suggestion.]

Sd/-  
(Ashok K. Kantha)  
Joint Secretary (EA)

**Ms. Sujata Mehta, Joint Secretary (S), PMO**

**MEA U.O. No.103/8/2006-JP**

**Dated: December 11, 2006**

**Copy to:**

- 1) Director (FSO)
- ✓ 2) JS(CNV)
- 3) Ambassador of India, Tokyo

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(Ashok K. Kantha)  
Joint Secretary (EA)



Faired version of the letter from Ambassador NODA,  
addressed to Ambassador Asrani

H.E. Ambassador  
Mr. Arjun Asrani  
12 SFS Apartment,  
Hauz Khas,  
New Delhi, India

Tokyo  
November 2, 2006  
Fax: 813-3393-0916

Dear Ambassador Asrani,

Hope this finds you and your family in good health. Yesterday's International Herald Tribune has an interesting report on the Delhi Golf Club with photos. Masako recalled your warm hospitality.

2. By the way, I hear that some informal conversation is happily taking place between our two Governments in Delhi, concerning the Netaji's issue. Pursuant to my previous fax dated September 17, 2006, let me write to you the following.

3. I think that we should no longer take it for granted that the Renkoji Temple can maintain their generosity indefinitely. At the Temple, the Chief Priest Rev. Nichiko Mochizuki, the son of the then late Rev. Mochizuki who in 1945 agreed to take care of the remains, is already in his mid-sixties and is not enjoying good health at the moment. The day-to-day management is in charge of his adopted son, the third generation. Understandably, the patience on the part of the Renkoji Temple is fast thinning out. I sensed that this sober situation when I visited the Temple the other day. It is unfair and unwise to postpone the solution any longer. The Rev. Mochizuki is now even prepared to present the remains for a DNA testing if some people in India still doubt the genuineness of the remains. Do they not want to put an end to the legacy because the continued existence of the problem would ensure some benefit? (My personal suspicion). With the new prestigious Foreign Minister at the External (Affairs Ministry), I hope that the December Summit could produce a good result.

With warm regards,

(E. Noda)



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No. RTI/551/115/2006  
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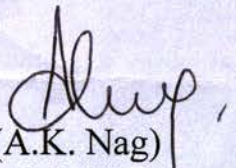
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Subject: Appeal under Right to Information Act, 2005 by Shri Anuj Dhar.

Shri Anuj Dhar resident of 263, Kangra Niketan, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110 018 has made an appeal to Additional Secretary(Inf.) & Appellate Authority of our Ministry against the decision of CPIO not to provide him the full information about "the ashes and other remains of late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose". A copy of his appeal is enclosed herewith.

2. It is requested that your comments in the matter may kindly be conveyed for the consideration of Appellate Authority to enable him to take a fair decision.

Encl.....As above

  
(A.K. Nag)

Joint Secretary (Welfare & Inf.) &  
Central Public Information Officer  
12-12-2006

JS (CNV)

Pl. see if you can attempt an  
answer to the question raised. Shri/12  
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Dated... 11/12 /2006

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To

28 November 2006

Shri Rinzing Wangdi  
Secretary (ER) and Appellate Authority  
Ministry of External Affairs  
South Block, New Delhi -- 110001

Recd. today in  
my office. For m...  
8/12/06  
Sh. E. Barwa  
A.S. + Appellate  
Authority

**Subject: Appeal over Application No RTI/551/115/2006 regarding receipt of "the ashes and other remains of Netaji" by the External Affairs Minister in 1954**

Dear Sir

This pertains to an application I had filed on 3 October 2006 on the basis of a copy of a December 1954 note signed by the Private Secretary to then Prime Minister and External Affairs Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The note (UO No D/S 13170) was attached to the application for ready reference. It succinctly stated that "the ashes and other remains of late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" were "received by the Minister of External Affairs from our Embassy in Tokyo".

In this context, I requested Shri E Barwa, Joint Secretary (Information) & Central Public Information Officer, to let me know:

- i) How these "ashes and other remains of late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" were disposed off after their receipt in India by then Minister of External Affairs.
- ii) Why was this information about the receipt of the "ashes and other remains of late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" not conveyed to the people of India in general, and the Bose family in particular?
- iii) The present whereabouts of the "ashes and other remains of late Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" with supporting documents, if they have been preserved. And in case they have been destroyed, or surreptitiously sent back to Tokyo, relevant documents thereof.

In his reply dated 3 November 2006, Shri Barwa referred to an extract from DO letter No.25/4/NG0-Vol.X11 dated 5 November 2004 from Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs. This extract stated that "the Indian Mission in Tokyo under instruction of New Delhi took over the possession of the alleged ashes of Netaji at the Renkoji temple" and that they "were not disturbed". That is, they were not brought to India.

I would like to submit that Shri Barwa's response does not fully answer my queries. In fact, it has landed me in confusion as the information furnished is diametrically opposite to the content of the aforementioned note, the genuineness of which is not in question.

Comment by JS (CNV)



In view of the above, I am requesting you to kindly clear the air and provide categorical answers to the following 3 questions, which are more or less what I had put to Shri Barwa.

- 1) Whether certain "ashes and other remains of Netaji" were ever received in India by Pandit Nehru, who was also the External Affairs Minister?
- 2) If yes, how were they disposed off, and why was the information about their receipt withheld from the people of India in general and Netaji's family in particular?
- 3) If the alleged ashes of Netaji "were not disturbed" and allowed to remain at the Renkoji temple in Tokyo, what is the raison d'etre of UO No D/S 13170 dated 2.12.1954?

I will be grateful to you for the answers.

Thanking you



Anuj Dhar  
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**My dear**

I am enclosing a copy of the report submitted by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, as requested by you. I look forward to any feedback that you may like to share with us.

Yours sincerely,

(Meera Shankar)

*Shankar*  
*28/11*  
**Frau Prof. Dr. Anita Pfaff,**  
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86391 – Stadtbergen.

✓ Copy, for information, to:

✓ Shri L.D. Ralte, Joint Secretary(CNV), MEA, New Delhi.

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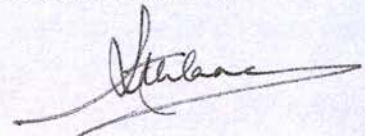
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No.25/4/NGO-XV  
Ministry of External Affairs  
(NGO Section)

Subject: Declassification of records

Reference PM Office O.M. No.G-16(4)/2000-NGO(Vol-I) dated 9<sup>th</sup> November 2006 requesting for copies of enclosures attached to U.O. No. 16(4)/2000-NGO(Vol-I) dated 14/15.09.2000.

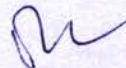
Copies of letters (100 pages) enclosed with the above mentioned u.o. note is forwarded herewith.



(L.D. Ralte)  
Joint Secretary(CNV)  
14.11.2006

Prime Minister's Office,  
(Shri P.K. Roy, Under Secretary)  
South Block,  
New Delhi.

Encl.; as above



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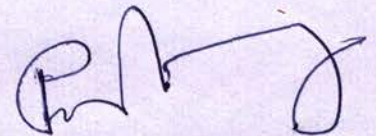
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SOUTH BLOCK, NEW DELHI  
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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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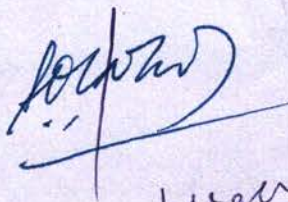
Reference is invited to this office UO Note of even number dated 14/15.9.2000 seeking Ministry of External Affairs concurrence to the downgrading/declassification of certain communications received from that Ministry in connection with their submission before the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission. MEA communicated their concurrence vide their letter No. 25./4/NGO (Vol.V) dtd. 19.9.2000. The undersigned is directed to request that copies of the letters enclosed to the above mentioned PMO UO note of even number dated 14/15.9.2000 may kindly be furnished to this office urgently.



( P.K. Roy )  
Under Secretary

Ministry of External Affairs  
[ Shri L.D. Ralte, JS (CNV) ]  
South Block, New Delhi.

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**L. D. RALTE**  
**JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)**

**No.25/4/NGO-XV**

**7<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

*Dear Ma'am,*

Kindly refer your letter no. Berl/Pol/101/3/06 dated 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 regarding the request of Mrs. Anita Pfaff, daughter of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose for supply of a copy of the report submitted by Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. A copy of the report is being sent by bag which may please be forwarded to Mrs. Anita Pfaff.

*With best regards,*

**Yours sincerely,**

  
**(L. D. RALTE)**

**Smt. Meera Shankar,**  
**Ambassador of India,**  
**Berlin.**

Encl: as above



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**Smt. Meera Shankar,  
Ambassador of India,  
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No.RTI/551/115/2006

Dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2006

Shri Anuj Dhar,  
263, Kangra Niketan,  
Vikaspuri,  
New Delhi- 110 018.

Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Sir,

Please refer to your application dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2006(received on 03-10-06) seeking Information under Right to Information Act, 2005 about Receipt and Disposal of the "Ashes and other remains of Netaji Subhash Chander Bose". The requisite Information is furnished below.

2. The information about alleged ashes and other remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was conveyed to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry vide our letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated November 5, 2005 which is available in the report of JMCI submitted to the Government of India in May, 2006. Copy of the relevant page is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

Encl...As above

(E. Barwa)

Joint Secretary (Information) &  
Central Public Information Officer

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No. 254/NGO/XV  
Ministry of External Affairs  
(NGO Section)


Subject: Appeal by Shri Anuj Dhar under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Shri Anuj Dhar has filed an appeal under the RTI Act as he was not provided with the copies of correspondence with Government of USSR, Russian Federation about disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chander Bose..

The information was not disclosed under the Clause 8(1)(a)&(f) as it involves relations with Foreign State.

Shri Anuj Dhar may please be conveyed the following:

- (a) the information sought does not constitute an "information" as defined in the RTI Act: 2005 as it seeks anecdotal reply ; and
- (b) the requisite copies of correspondence cannot be disclosed as it involves ~~the~~ relations with foreign state and is exempt as per the provisions of Clause 8(1)(a)(i).

  
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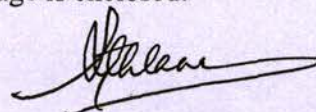
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(L.D. Ralte)  
Joint Secretary(CNV)  
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02.12.1954 of Shri M.O. Mathai which was endorsed to the then Joint Secretary (AD), Shri Prem Krishan under P.M.'s Sectt. U.O. No. D/S 13170 dated 02.12.1954 as could be found in the photocopy of the top secret File No. 23(11)/56/57/PM of the P.M.'s office (Political Section) on the subject, "INA Treasure" wherefrom it appears that the Ministry of External Affairs received a small amount of Rs.200/- and odd along with the ashes and other remains of "Late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose" from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo and the Director (CNV) has been requested to report on the following points :

- i. When and under what circumstances were the alleged ashes of Netaji received by the Ministry of External Affairs from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo as mentioned in the aforesaid note dated 02.12.1954 ?
- ii. Where were the ashes and other remains mentioned in the said note dated 02.12.1954 preserved ?
- iii. If not preserved, what did happen to those ashes and remains ?

In d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XII dated November 5, 2004 of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, it has been stated inter alia : "The Indian Mission in Tokyo under instruction of New Delhi took over possession of the alleged ashes of Netaji at the Renkoji temple. However, with prior arrangement of Japanese Foreign Ministry and the temple authorities, the ashes were not disturbed with the understanding that they would remain so until a decision has been taken by the Government of India .....". The merit of the aforesaid reply, given by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to the Commission's queries mentioned above, will be considered by the Commission in due course.

- 8 The Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has again been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(TV)/106 dated 12.07.2004 to take effective steps so that the File No.10/22/CM-68 is sent to the Commission without any further delay. He has also been requested that if the contents of the said file are still classified as Secret, the competent authority should be moved so that the file may be made available to the Commission at least for the perusal of the Hon'ble Chairman as has been done earlier in the case of more than one file in respect of which privilege has been claimed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The response of the Ministry is still awaited.
- 9 By Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(V)/228 dated September 28, 2004, the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been furnished with a xerox copy of an article in Bengali titled, "Netaji 'Your Criminal', Nehru wrote to Attlee" authored by Shri Samit Dutta, a retired Director of the C.B.I., and published in the Dainik Statesman, dated 19.09.2004 wherein Shri Dutta has referred to one report dated 23.05.1946 sent by Mr. Danovan of American Consulate in Bombay (Mumbai) to the Home Secretary of the Government of the USA allegedly based on the information given to Mr. Danovan by his 'source'. The English translation of the said article has been sent to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of



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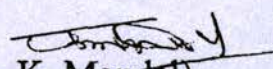
**Fax Message**

From : Indembassy Tokyo  
To : Foreign New Delhi

JS(EA) from DCM

Faxed herewith is unofficial translation of a self-explanatory letter dated October 23, 2006 from Kazuo Azuma regarding Netaji's remains.

Dated : October 26, 2006

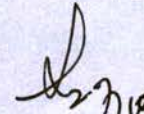
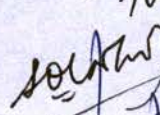
  
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October 23, 2006

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To

Mr. S. K. Mandal  
Deputy Chief of Mission  
Embassy of India  
Tokyo.

Dear Sir,

We should no longer take it for granted that the Renkoji is prepared to maintain their generosity indefinitely.

At the temple, the Chief Priest Nichiko Mochizuki, the son of the then Chief Priest Kyoei Mochizuki who in 1945 agreed to take care of the Netaji's remains is already in his mid-sixties and is not enjoying good health. Now the day-to-day management of the temple is in charge of his adopted son, the third generation. Undoubtedly the patience on the part of the temple is fast thinning out. It is simply unfair and unwise to defer the repatriation year after year.

In this context, it is worth mentioning that the priest of the Renkoji temple has agreed to cooperate on DNA testing of Netaji's remains.

Thus we have to think very seriously on the issue of Renkoji temple. You may please be informed about the situation at Renkoji and a serious feeling of the Japanese on the issue.

We will be much obliged in that case.

Kazuo Azuma



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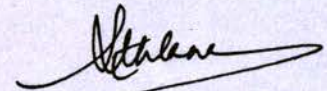
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(L.D. Ralte)  
Joint Secy(CNV)

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2. f) "information" means any material in any form, including records, documents, memos, e-mails, opinions, advices, press releases, circulars, orders, logbooks, contracts, reports, papers, samples, models, data material held in any electronic form
2. (j) "right to information" means the right to information accessible under this Act which is held by or under the control of any public authority and includes the right to—
- (i) inspection of work, documents, records;
  - (ii) taking notes, extracts or certified copies of documents or records;
  - (iii) taking certified samples of material;
  - (iv) obtaining information in the form of diskettes, floppies, tapes, video cassettes or in any other electronic mode or through printouts where such information is stored in a computer or in any other device;
7. (9) An information shall ordinarily be provided in the form in which it is sought unless it would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority or would be detrimental to the safety or preservation of the record in question.



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**Ministry of External Affairs  
(East Asia Division)**

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It may be recalled that earlier this year, Prime Minister had received a letter dated April 28, 2006 from Mr. Yoshiro Mori, former Prime Minister of Japan and President of the Indo-Japanese Association, regarding the [purported] mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose being kept at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. In the letter, Mr. Mori mentioned that the remains had not been returned to India mainly because of the "delicate domestic circumstances in India". However, Professor Kazuo Azuma, a Board Member of the Association, had told him that Mrs. Krishna Bose, President of the Netaji Institute and a close relative of the Netaji, felt strongly that considering the "changed circumstances in India", his remains should be returned to his "fatherland". Mr. Mori expressed the hope that PM would pay attention to the wishes of the Bose family and take appropriate steps accordingly. In his reply dated July 14, 2006, PM assured Mr. Mori that he had taken note of the points made by the latter and that those would be looked into. (A copy of Mr. Mori's letter and PM's reply is enclosed for reference.)

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2. During a meeting with Joint Secretary (EA), MEA on October 12, 2006, the Japanese Ambassador also raised the issue of the return of the ashes of Netaji to India. Referring to the letters exchanged between PM and Mr. Mori, he remarked that the latter had continued to evince interest in early return of the ashes of "Chandra Bose" to India. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was a protégé of Yoshiro Mori and in fact belonged to his faction in the ruling LDP. Giving this background, the Japanese Ambassador enquired whether it would be alright if this issue was raised by PM Abe during our PM's visit to Japan in December 2006. In response, Joint Secretary (EA) discouraged the idea and suggested that if necessary, the matter could be discussed at the official level during the preparations for PM's visit. The Japanese Ambassador took note of the suggestion but remarked that the ashes could not remain in Japan indefinitely.

Why not?

3. Separately, Prof. Kazuo Azuma, who is a well-known Tagore scholar and Secretary General of Japan-India Tagore Association, has met our Ambassador in Tokyo recently to discuss the Renkoji issue. A copy of a fax message from the Embassy of India, Tokyo, forwarding a copy of a note handed over by Prof. Azuma to the Ambassador, is enclosed. In the note, Prof. Azuma has, inter alia, conveyed,



"Although this exchange of letters has taken place at Mr. Mori's very personal initiative, he expressed his personal willingness to recommend the Japanese Government to enter into an official contact with the Indian Government in this regard. I have learned that Mr. Mori has, through one of his assistants, already briefed Mr. Shinzo Abe, the present P.M. and has recommended to go ahead on this issue in the overall context of the policy to further strengthen friendly relations between our two countries. All I hope personally is that my Government and yours should now settle the Netaji legacy of over sixty years".

4. It may be recalled that the [purported] mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose were taken to Tokyo after his reported death in a plane crash in Taihoku (Taipei) on August 18, 1945. The circumstances of Netaji's death/disappearance have been a matter of controversy. A three-member Enquiry Committee, headed by Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, which was appointed by the Government of India in April 1956, came to the conclusion that Netaji had died in the above-mentioned plane crash and his ashes were kept in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo; one of the members of the Committee, however, submitted a dissenting report stating that there had been no plane crash involving Netaji's death. The majority report was accepted by the Government of India. However, as the controversy persisted, another Enquiry Commission, headed by Justice G.D. Khosla, was appointed in July 1970 to look into the matter. The Commission also came to the conclusion that Netaji had succumbed to injuries sustained in the plane crash at Taihoku and that his ashes had been taken to Tokyo.

5. The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, which was appointed in May 1999, to enquire once again into all the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith, has come to a different conclusion in its report submitted in November 2005. The Commission has concluded: (a) "Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead"; (b) "he did not die in the plane crash, as alleged"; and (c) "the ashes in the Japanese Temple are not of Netaji". On the issue of the ashes in the Renkoji Temple, Justice Mukherjee has made the following finding:

"As regards the journey of the ashes collected by Habibur Rahman from the crematorium at Taipei to the Renkoji Temple in Japan the evidence is consistent and, therefore, needs no discussions. Since the ashes collected were of Ichiro Okura – not of Netaji – the only inference that can be drawn is that the ashes lying in that Temple cannot be of Netaji. On the contrary,



the presence of bones in the ashes as noticed by officers of Indian Embassy in Tokyo is a circumstance which corroborates that those cannot but be of Ichiro Okura. Considered in that backdrop, the inability of the Commission to subject the mortal remains to DNA test in the circumstances beyond its control has not stood in the way of recording its conclusive finding in that regard – a finding arrived at on the basis of robust circumstantial evidence on record”.

6. The main findings of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry have not, however, been accepted by the Government of India. The Memorandum of Action Taken on the Report, placed in Parliament, states as follows:

“The Government have examined the Report submitted by the Commission on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 in detail and have not agreed with the findings that -

- (a) Netaji did not die in the plane crash; and
- (b) The ashes in the Renkoji Temple were not of Netaji”.

7. It may also be mentioned that the Ministry of External Affairs has been providing financial assistance to the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo since 1967 for the upkeep of the urn containing the ashes of Netaji. So far, a total amount of Rs. 53,66,278/- has been given to the Temple, through our Embassy in Tokyo from the Special Diplomatic Expenditure budget of the Ministry. Since 2002, an annual contribution of Yen 1 million (equivalent to Rs. 4,30,000/- in 2005) is being provided. (A tabulation showing year-wise contribution to the Renkoji Temple is enclosed.) It may also be added here that the Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple, Rev. Nichiko Mochizuki, who called on our Ambassador in Tokyo on October 16, 2006, did not ask for the return of the ashes to India. A copy of fax message received from the Ambassador on the meeting is enclosed.

8. If this matter is raised again by the Japanese side in official interactions with reference to former PM Mori's letter to PM, it is proposed to convey to them that the Government of India deeply appreciates the warm sentiments in Japan towards Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the fact that his ashes are being kept with devotion and reverence in the Renkoji Temple. There are some political sensitivities linked to the circumstances of the death of Subhas Chandra Bose. However, the points made in former Prime Minister Mori's letter have been taken note of and are being looked into.



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9. The recent developments pertaining to the ashes in the Renkoji Temple were brought to the attention of the NSA during a meeting on October 16, 2006, and he desired that a background note on the issue be sent to PMO. This note may kindly be shown to him. The guidance of PMO on this issue will be appreciated.

10. This issues with the approval of Secretary (East), MEA.

(Ashok K. Kantha)  
Joint Secretary (EA)

Ms. Sujata Mehta, Joint Secretary, Prime Minister's Office  
MEA UO No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. XV Dated: October 19, 2006

Copy, with enclosures, for information to: Shri H.K. Singh,  
Ambassador of India, Tokyo.

Issued with the approval of Secretary (East).  
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( ENGLISH TRANSLATION )

Tokyo, April 28, 2006

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I am writing this letter recalling the tragic demise on August 1945 of the great hero of independence Netaji Chandra Bose. I presume that you are aware that ever since September 1945, his remains have been kept at Renkoji, a Buddhist temple in Tokyo, under the hospitable care rendered by its chief Priest.

As I understand it, his remains have not been returned to India mainly because of the delicate domestic circumstances in India pertaining thereto. Recently however, I came to learn through Professor Kazuo Azuma, a board member of the Indo-Japanese Association, that Mrs. Krsna Bose of Kolkata, President of the Netaji Institute and a close relative of the late Netaji Chandra Bose, now feels strongly that considering the change in circumstances in India, his remains should be returned to his fatherland without further delay. Having being briefed in detail, I have come to feel that the wishes of the Netaji family should be considered from a humanitarian point of view. I believe that if his remains were to be returned to India with the courtesy commensurate with his great historic status, the event would further promote the friendship between our two peoples.

I sincerely hope that Your Excellency would be good enough to pay attention to the wishes of the Bose family and take the appropriate steps accordingly. Your favorable assistance would be highly appreciated. I would be much obliged if you could kindly inform me of your thoughts.

With warmest regards,  
Yoshiro Mori

President  
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2006年4月28日

マンモハン・シン首相閣下

貴国インドの独立運動の偉大なる指導者で、1945年8月に不慮の死をとげられたネタジ・チャンドラ・ボース氏のご遺骨が、同年9月以来、東京の仏教寺院蓮光寺に保管され、同寺院のご住職により最高の敬意を以て守られて今日に及んでいることについては貴首相もご高承のことと存じます。

このご遺骨が既に60年以上もこのような状態にとどまり、故国にお戻りになれなかった原因は、主として貴国の事情によるものと承知しております。然るところ、最近、コルカタのネタジ研究所所長でご親族のクリシュナ・ボース女史より、インド国内の事情がかなり変化してきていることもあり、ご親族の総意として、ご遺骨をこれ以上日本にとどめることなく、故国に迎えることにしたいとの強いご希望が日印協会理事である我妻和男教授を通じ、私に伝えられました。

私は、同教授から詳しい説明を受け、ご親族のご希望が達せられますよう、人道的見地から考えるべき時期にきていると存じます。ご遺骨が貴国において偉大な指導者にふさわしい儀礼をもって迎えられることとなれば、これは日印両国民の間の友好関係の増進に寄与するでありましょう。

このことにつき、貴首相のご高配をえたいと存じ、本信をお送りするものであり、ご内意を承れば幸甚と存じます。

ご自愛を祈ります。

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日印協会会長



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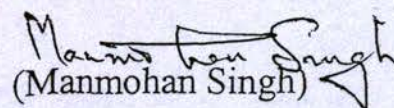
New Delhi : July 14, 2006

Excellency,

Thank you very much for your letter and the warm tributes you have paid to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, whose memory is as sacred in Japan as in India. May I also take this opportunity to express appreciation for the devotion of the Priests of the Renkoji Temple.

Excellency, I have taken note of the points you have made and these shall be looked into. The great sensitivity and humanism that your letter reflects, confirm my belief that your involvement in India-Japan relations is an asset for our ongoing efforts to strengthen bilateral relations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
(Manmohan Singh)

His Excellency Mr. Yoshiro Mori  
President  
Indo-Japanese Association  
Tokyo



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**Tokyo**  
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Dear Sir

This is with reference to the telecom Ambassador had with you today on the Renkoji issue.

Faxed herewith is a copy of hand written note handed over to Ambassador by Prof. Kazuo Azuma, Professor of Reitaku University and Secretary General of Japan-India Tagore Association on the Renkoji issue.

With respectful regards

  
(Abbagani Ramu)



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"Regarding the Return of Netaji's Remains to India"

Let me explain to You some background of this development for Your personal reference.

As is well known, the remains of the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has ever since September, 1945 been kept in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo under the dedicated care of the Chief Priests—the late Rev. Kyoei Mochizuki and his son Rev. Nikko Mochizuki. The remains have not been returned to India. Once in April 1990 when then-P.M. of Japan Mr. Kaifu paid an official visit to India at the invitation of Your P.M. Mr. V. P. Singh, he raised the issue but unfortunately it did not make any headway. As an admirer of Netaji I have had this in mind all through the years.

With my decades of academic and educational career, I have had the pleasure of enjoying close friendship with many Indian scholars, educational leaders and eminent civic leaders, in West Bengal particularly. Lately through personal communication with these friends, I have come to sense that the situation in India has become markedly positive welcome back the Netaji's remains.

Hence, as a Board Member of Indo-Japanese Association, I made a personal request and appeal to Mr. Yoshiro Mori, the President of the Association to take some action in this regard. Mr. Mori was kind enough to respond positively to my request and sent a personal letter dated April 28, 2006 to your Prime Minister, Mr. Manmohan Singh. He received a warm reply dated July



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14, 2006 from Your P.M. (I assume that You already are aware of the contents of the exchanged letters but for Your reference let me show You the copies, although they are of a private nature and therefore not to be made public). Mr. Mori feels more than happy to have received this positive response from Your P.M.. Although this exchange of letters has taken place at Mr. Mori's very personal initiative, he expressed his personal willingness to recommend the Japanese Government to enter into an official contact with the Indian Government in this regard. I have learned that Mr. Mori has, through one of his assistants, already briefed Mr. Shinzo Abe, the present P.M. and has recommended to go ahead on this issue in the overall context of the policy to further strengthen friendly relations between our two countries.

All I hope personally is that my Government and Yours should now settle the Netaji legacy of over sixty years.

Again allow me to remind You that my personal move above-mentioned is of purely personal nature. I hope that You would not quote my name publicly.



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Payment made to Renkoji Temple for safe keeping of Netaji's ashes

Year	Amount in Yen	Equivalent Amount in I RS
1967 - 1974*		40000.00
1975	240000	5672.42
1976	240000	5672.42
1977	600000	18264.84
1978	600000	18264.84
1979	600000	25231.29
1980	600000	22058.82
1981	600000	22058.82
1982	600000	22058.82
1983	600000	22058.82
1984	600000	27459.95
1985	600000	33094.32
1986	600000	48622.37
1987	600000	48622.37
1988	600000	73801.00
1989	600000	73801.00
1990	600000	78947.00
1991	600000	112359.00
1992	600000	112360.00
1993	600000	168067.00
1994	600000	190779.00
1995	1000000	340483.00
1996	1000000	310174.00
1997	1000000	310752.00
1998	1000000	377929.00
1999	1000000	395726.00
2000 & 2001**	2000000	788955.00
2002	1000000	386100.00
2003	1000000	429738.00
2004	1000000	427167.00
2005	1000000	430000.00
	22280000	5366278.10

\* Paid at the rate of Rs 5,000/- per annum.

\*\* Paid for two years in one installment



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**Joint Secretary (EA) from Ambassador**

Head Priest of Renjo-Ji Temple, Rev. Nichiko Mochizuki, called on me this morning.

2. He made it clear this was purely a courtesy call on newly arrived Ambassador, and he had no political agenda.
3. In a matter of fact fashion, he mentioned that he offers a daily prayer for Netaji and the Temple organizes an annual Memorial Service on 18 August. His father had taken the ashes of Netaji into his protection and he himself will continue to do so.
4. Rev. Mochizuki conveyed that he had heard our PM will be visiting Tokyo later this year. If at all possible, he requested consideration of a visit by PM to Renko-Ji.
5. The meeting ended with an exchange of pleasantries.
6. For your information, many of our visiting dignitaries have visited Renko-Ji in the past, the last being former PM Vajpayee in December, 2001. If possible, matter can be given consideration in context of forthcoming visit.

With best regards,

(H. K. Singh)



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AUTHENTICATED  
*Shri M.K. Mukherjee*  
SHRI M.K. MUKHERJEE  
HOME MINISTER

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**MEMORANDUM OF ACTION TAKEN ON THE REPORT**  
**OF THE JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY REGARDING**  
**THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF**  
**NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE**

By Government of India Notification No. S.O. 339(E) dated 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1999, Shri M.K. Mukherjee, retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India, was appointed under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952, to inquire into all the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including –

- (a) whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (b) if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (c) whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji;
- (d) whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- (e) if he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

2. ✓ The Government have examined the Report submitted by the Commission on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 in detail and have not agreed with the findings that -

- (a) Netaji did not die in the plane crash; and
- (b) the ashes in the Renkoji Temple were not of Netaji.

3. This Report is placed before the Houses as required under sub-section (4) of Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952.

\* Contains volumes I, II A, and II B.



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*Shivraj V. Pathi*  
SHIVRAJ V. PATHI  
HOM. MINISTER

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DELAY IN TABLING THE REPORT OF THE  
JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED  
DISAPPEARANCE OF NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry was set up by the Government of India on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1999 under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952, to inquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

The Commission submitted its on report on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2005. As per the provision of Sub-section 4 of Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952, the Report submitted by the Commission is to be Tabled before each House of Parliament within a period of six months of the submission of the report by the Commission i.e. before 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2006..

The incidental delay has been occasioned by time taken in translation, printing, consideration of the report by the Government, its approval by the Cabinet and the adjournment of Parliament on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2006



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L.D. Ralte  
Joint Secretary (CNV)  
Tel: 2301 1357

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5 April 2006

Thank you for sharing the relevant portions of the JMCI's report of interest to MEA.

2 I have been directed to state that in the matter of the Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo and the issue of appointing research scholars in the USA to do archival research of American repositories for relevant historical documents on Netaji that:

- a) It is MEA's understanding that the Head Priest of Renkoji Temple has agreed to the DNA testing of the alleged remains of Netaji kept in his temple in Tokyo, with the only conditions being that the names of his father and himself be recognised wherever the remains are finally interred and that if possible, he be allowed to retain any part of the remains so that he can continue to pray for the soul of Netaji.
- b) On the matter of engaging scholars to do archival searches in US repositories, unfortunately, our Mission in Washington DC had not found the researchers as requested by the JMCI till the time of the Commission writing its report.

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
(L.D. Ralte)

Ms. B. Bhamathi  
Joint Secretary (Security)  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Lok Nayak Bhawan  
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Subject: Report of JMCI on Netaji Subhas Bose

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Placed below is Vol. I of the report and the ATR of GOI. Vol II A & B are copies of the Status Report of the Commission.

2 As FS is aware, MHA had requested for our inputs on two areas where there was adverse mention of MEA. These had been replied to at the stage of preparation of Cabinet Note, copy below. There are no other negative mention of the Ministry; in fact, mention has been made of support given by Ministry and Missions.

3 On the question of DNA test of the ashes in the Renkoji Temple at Tokyo, the Report indicates that the Commission is of the view that DNA test would be futile. Therefore, the lack of completion of detail it accuses Ministry of is only academic.

4 It may be recalled that there had been a Parliament Question on lack of support to the Commission during its visit to the Russian Federation. Perusal of the Report indicates that much of the reason for the Russian visit was at the instigation of on of the deponents to the Commission, Ms. Purabi Roy. The Commission has clearly indicated that all the leads mentioned by the deponent turned out to be of no value, and that the records reported by her to be maintained by various Russian archives on Netaji all turned out in the negative. The Commission has, therefore, discredited all her depositions. The Chairman, while not indicating his gratefulness or otherwise has, in his report, mentioned that an officer of the Mission accompanied the team throughout its visit.

For information please.



(L.D. Ralte)  
JS (CNV)  
19 May 2006

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Ministry of External Affairs  
(RTI Division)

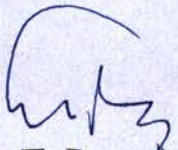
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Subject: Appeal under RTI Act , 2005 by Shri Anuj Dhar against our reply about the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chander Bose.

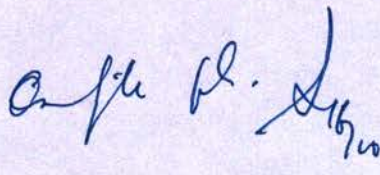
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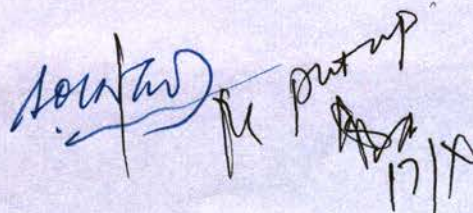
Shri Anuj Dhar resident of 263-Kangra Niketan, Vikaspuri, New Delhi has appealed to Shri Rinzing Wangdi, Secretary (ER & Coord) and Appellate Authority under RTI against the information conveyed to him by the undersigned (CPIO) vide letter of even number dated 25-8-2006(copy enclosed) about the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chander Bose. A Copy of his appeal dated 23-9-2006 addressed to Secretary (ER) is enclosed herewith. It is, therefore, requested a draft reply may kindly be provided for the consideration and approval of Secretary (ER & Coord).

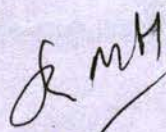
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(E. Barwa)  
JS(Infmn) & CPIO  
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Dy. No. 590 JS (Infmn)/2006  
Dated 11.9.2006

To  
Shri Rinzing Wangdi  
Secretary (ER) and Appellate Authority  
Ministry of External Affairs  
South Block  
New Delhi 110001

23 September 2006

Subject: Appeal over Application No RTI/551/76/2006 regarding the fate of Netaji  
Subhas Chandra Bose in USSR

Dear Sir

I am appealing against the information provided by Shri E Barwa (Joint Secretary [Information] & CPIO) in his letter No RTI/551/76/2006 dated 25 August 2006 in response to my application dated 2 August 2006 on the subject of the fate of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. While I thank Shri Barwa for the letter, I find his response unsatisfactory. I also think that the reasons given by him for not releasing the requested papers are untenable. Therefore, I am making the following submissions to you.

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1. My application specifically wanted to know whether the "MEA sought information from the Russians by issuing mere note verbales, or some serious efforts were ever made from a higher level to uncover the mystery surrounding the fate of one of the greatest Indians ever." In response Shri Barwa stated that "The request to the Government of USSR and the Russian Federation were made through diplomatic channels at appropriate levels." I am afraid this response does not answer my query. "Appropriate" is a qualitative term and can vary according to situation and persons looking into the matter. Plainly put, I wanted to know whether the matter was pursued at a higher (say ministerial) level, or such a matter of national importance was dealt with by our Embassy by belatedly issuing formal third person notes (note verbales). You will know that there are more suitable channels to obtain information from foreign governments.

2. I had also requested for the "certified copies of complete correspondence the MEA has had with the Governments of the USSR and the Russian Federation over the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose". I mentioned specific years when the Indian Embassy in Moscow, as per my knowledge, had received perfunctory communications from the Russians to the effect that they had not come across any paper in some of their archives, excluding some highly sensitive ones, about Netaji's fate or his alleged stay erstwhile USSR. Shri Barwa, in his letter, said that the "requisite copies of correspondence cannot be disclosed as it involves the relations with foreign State and is exempt as per the provisions of Clause 8(1)(a) & (f)." I find this explanation non sequitur.

3. Clause 8(1)(a) exempts provision of such information "disclosure of which would prejudicially affect the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security, strategic, scientific or economic interests of the State, relation with foreign State or lead to incitement of an



offence." It is not intelligible to me, and nor will it be to the people of India, as to how the disclosure of correspondence dealing with the disappearance of a national hero, whom the Government holds to have died in 1945, can be a threat to the "security, strategic, scientific or economic interests of the State" in 2006? At the time of Netaji's disappearance, the foreign State in question was USSR, which does not exist anymore. Therefore, the question of India's relations with the USSR being affected does not arise. I equally fail to understand how the disclosure of the correspondence India has had with the USSR and Russian Federation over a USSR period occurrence could prejudicially affect formidable relations between India and Russian Federation, which disowns the Soviet era?

4. Clause 8(1)(f) further exempts information "received in confidence from foreign Government." But why should the information concerning this matter of national importance be "received in confidence" in the first place? All Indians have the right to know whether or not their Government made sincere, desired efforts to ascertain facts about Netaji's fate from the USSR and other friendly foreign states.

Sir, In view of the above, and keeping in mind the sentiments of countless Indians world over, I request you to kindly furnish:

- (a) Unambiguous information whether the issue of Netaji's fate or his alleged stay in the USSR was ever taken up by the MEA with the Soviets/Russians at a higher (say ministerial) level or; whether some enquiries into such a matter of national importance were made through mere note verbales; and
- (b) Certified copies of the complete correspondence in toto, covering what was asked, replies from the USSR/Russian Federation and MEA's reaction on record thereof.

Thanks and regards



Anuj Dhar  
263, Kangra Niketan  
Vikaspuri, New Delhi -18



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No.RTI/551/76/2006

Dated: 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2006

Shri Anuj Dhar,  
263, Kangra Niketan,  
Vikaspuri,  
New Delhi-110018

Subject:- Information sought about the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chander Bose under Right to Information Act, 2005.

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Sir,

With reference to your application dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2006 on the above mentioned subject, it is stated that:

- a) The request to Government of USSR and the Russian Federation were made through diplomatic channels at appropriate levels.
- b) The requisite copies of correspondence cannot be disclosed as it involves the relations with foreign State and is exempt as per the provisions of Clause 8(1)(a)&(f).

2. If you are not satisfied with the above reply, you can appeal to Shri Rinzing Wangdi, Secretary (ER), and Appellate Authority, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi – 110 011 within 30 days from the receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

(E. Barwa)

Joint Secretary (Information) &  
Central Public Information Officer  
**Telephone No: 26874418**

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Dated 24.8.2006

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Ministry of External Affairs  
(NGO Section)

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Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005 by Shri Anuj Dhar.

Kindly refer to note no. RTI/551/75/2006 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2006 forwarding an application from Shri Anuj Dhar seeking information about the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chander Bose.

The following information may please be conveyed to the applicant:

- a) The request to Government of USSR and the Russian Federation were made through diplomatic channels at appropriate levels.
- b) The requisite copies of correspondence cannot be disclosed as it involves the relations with foreign state and is exempt as per the provisions of Clause 8(1)(a)(i).



(L.D. Ralte)  
Joint Secretary(CNV)

21.08.2006

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JS(Information & CPIO)



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Prime Minister

New Delhi : July 14, 2006

Excellency,

Thank you very much for your letter and the warm tributes you have paid to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, whose memory is as sacred in Japan as in India. May I also take this opportunity to express appreciation for the devotion of the Priests of the Renkoji Temple.

A | Excellency, I have taken note of the points you have made and these shall be looked into. The great sensitivity and humanism that your letter reflects, confirm my belief that your involvement in India-Japan relations is an asset for our ongoing efforts to strengthen bilateral relations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Manmohan Singh  
(Manmohan Singh)

His Excellency Mr. Yoshiro Mori  
President  
Indo-Japanese Association  
Tokyo

PM's  
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The undersigned is directed to refer to MEA UO No. 1606/JS(EA)/06 dated 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2006 regarding letter to the PM from the former Prime Minister of Japan Yoshiro Mori about the ashes, purportedly of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, lying at Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

2. The matter has been examined in this Ministry and MHA agrees with the suggestion at para 5 of the note dated 12.6.2006 enclosed with the above-mentioned UO note. In this connection, a copy of reply, given by the Hon'ble Home Minister in the Lok Sabha on 7.8.2006, to the discussion under Rule 193 on the report of Justice Mukherjee Commission of enquiry regarding disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, is enclosed.

3. This issues with the approval of the competent authority of this Ministry.

*S.K. Goswami*  
(S.K. Goswami)  
Under Secretary

Encl: As above.

Shri Ashok K. Kantha, JS (EA), MEA, South Block, New Delhi.

MHA UO No. 12015/1/2006-Cdn. Dated 18.8.2006.

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You may check.

JS(CNV)

PM has already replied to Mr. Mori.  
May like to see.

JS(CNV)

Dir(EA)

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In view of this reply  
to write in LS. p3/A,  
should we ask MHA to take  
note as per PM's promise  
to Mr. Mori?

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Reply to the discussion under Rule 193  
on the report of Justice Mukherjee  
Commission of enquiry regarding  
disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra  
Bose laid on the table of Lok Sabha by the  
Minister of Home Affairs on 7.8.2006.



Sir,

Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru, Shri Subhas Chandra Bose, Shri Abul Kalam Azad, Shri Babasaheb Ambedkar, Shri Jai Prakash Narayan were a few of the young leaders of the people, who were most respected, by one and all in the country, and who led the freedom movement with great courage and confidence and contributed towards the development of the country. Modern history of India cannot be written without mentioning the contribution of men like them towards the cause of freedom struggle and our country's development. They were the men of vision and indomitable courage who knew the country and the world, and the potential the people of India had. Their memories inspire the people of India and would keep doing so for many many years to come. If we forget them, or if we cease to remember as to how they worked, they struggled, they built the freedom movement, we would become weaker and poorer, and lose our capacity to face the challenges of the present and the future. On the eve of the attainment of the freedom, Mahatma Gandhi and Shri Subhas Chandra Bose vanished from our vision, and we were deprived of their support for the construction and building of our strong future. We should know in clear terms as to how their memories can be respected, and as to how their spirit and vision can be used to build our future. We may be able to do it better by avoiding controversies and emphasizing on the positive aspects of their and our lives. Unfortunately, there arose a controversy about the existence or otherwise of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose, and his whereabouts, and that controversy has not been fully settled and allowed to disappear.



national flag on the tower of the Red Fort. If he had come on the eve of the Independence, he would have been welcomed with open arms by millions of masses of India. When he did not come after the second world war was concluded, and when the country was emancipated, the people were disappointed. Against their wishes, they began to think that he would not have been alive, otherwise he could not have resisted to come to his motherland, on the fulfillment of his dream of freedom for his country. They wished that he were alive, and feared that he might have breathed his last. That was why there was hesitation in the minds of his kith and kin, and the countrymen who made the government of the time to constitute a three-men committee to find out the truth about his existence and inform the country.

A | The committee consisted of a person who was in the Force of Independence built by him, his brother, and a senior administrator. The committee was constituted in 1956. The committee gave the report, after examining the witnesses and the evidence available in the country and outside the country. The majority in the committee came to conclusion that he was no more, and he died in the plane crash, and his ashes were kept in Renkoji temple in Tokyo. In fact initially all the members, one of whom was his brother, had come to the conclusion which was in line with the majority report, without any dissenting view on the same. However, later on, may be because, his brother's affection did not allow him to hold that the disappeared relation of his was no more, or may be the people in the country were unwilling to think that he had died. Under pressure of his own emotional inclination or of the people around him, he changed his view and gave a dissenting view. However, the facts relating to the incident and the inquiry, and the initial view and later on the dissenting view, did convey the conclusion which was said and not readily acceptable, however convincing it could have been.

This inquiry held was closer to the date of incident, than the enquiries held later on. The evidence given by the witnesses could have been more reliable



and dependable. There was no valid reason for the witnesses to depose falsely and incorrectly. In matters of such inquiries, the oral evidence given by the witnesses, and more so the eye witnesses, is equally or on occasion more reliable than any documentary evidence. The accident had taken place in the time of war. After the war was over, the governments in the country of accident and the neighbouring countries were changed. The documents relevant to the incident and things relating to it, could not have been safely preserved or stored or could have been destroyed or burnt in the accident. Absence of these documents would not weigh heavily against the availability of the oral evidence, given by the unbiased eye witnesses and others.

Therefore, it would not be judicially prudent to attach less importance to the findings given by the Shahnawaz Committee. The findings given were not inconclusive. They were unambiguous, clear and convincing. It is not easy to disbelieve the findings and brush them aside and in their place, to accept the findings given in an inquiry which took place nearly fifty years later, and which was not conclusive, and according to which, no definite finding could be pronounced in the matter of inquiry. While assessing the credibility of the finding, we cannot afford to lose sight of this rationale.

The finding of the Shahnawaz Committee convinced many, and it seems, for reasons known to them, failed to convince a few. The fact that inquiries made by an Indian journalist, an American, and a British, which were of the same kind, also did not find favour with the few persons who had doubts about the finding. It seems that majority of the population in the country did not share the doubts, and were inclined to think that, the great leader was no more in his physical form in the world.

Khosla Commission was constituted to look into the matter again. It was done to remove the doubts entertained by a few citizens. The commission was headed by a judge, and had to function under the Inquiry Commission Act. It went to the country where the accident took place, to the country where the



ashes were kept, and examined the witnesses who were available at that time. Legal acumen to assess the validity and reliability of the evidence given by the witnesses and the evidence produced certainly was used by the commission. The report given was unambiguous and conclusive. A few lines of it can be quoted to point out the nature of the report.

"I, therefore, find it proved beyond all reasonable doubt that Bose traveled in a Japanese bomber from Touraine to Taihoku on the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> August 1945..... The plane crashed to the ground, broke into two parts and caught fire. In this fire, the pilot and Gen. Shidei died instantaneously and of the other men on board, co-pilot Ayoagi died later and Bose also succumbed to his burn injuries during the course of the following night. His body was cremated and ashes were taken to Tokyo." Page 49 para 4.129.

The question before us is why a report of this nature should be discarded in favour of a report which is of inconclusive nature. There was no reason for the Khosla Commission to arrive at wrong conclusions. There was no reason for the witnesses to depose falsely. If all facts are borne in mind, it would be easier to rely upon this report than any other report of inconclusive nature.

It is argued that in 1978, then Prime Minister of India expressed his doubts about the reliability of the findings given in the two inquiries held. It is said that he had doubted the reliability in view of the documents available in the offices of the government. No dates, no names or no numbers to identify the said files were given which could help to find out the documents mentioned by the then Prime Minister. They could not have been found out in the offices, if particulars about them were not provided. The fact that, then Prime Minister had formed the government by defeating the government which was in power when the two inquiries were conducted, cannot be easily brushed aside, to come to the conclusion that his statement could have been motivated, not by reasons of law, but by reasons political. The two previous Prime Ministers had got two inquiries conducted to find out the facts and in a way, accepted the



reports of the inquiries. The third Prime Minister had expressed doubt about the facts held proved, but had not constituted another inquiry which he could have done without difficulty, as it was done about twenty years later.

The third inquiry was ordered in the period of the previous government, and a judge of the Supreme Court was given the responsibility to discover facts. This inquiry was expected to do its job in six months time. It completed its task in six years' time. The Commission could have asked for the documents from the government, which had brought it into existence. Enough time was available for it to get the necessary documents. Nearly more than four years were at its disposal. Why the documents were not got from the previous government? Could it be explained in a convincing manner? I think, it cannot be done.

On the following points, the Commission had to give its findings.

1. Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive.;
2. If he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
3. Whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are the ashes of Netaji;
4. Whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and if so, when and how and,
5. If he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

The findings given are as follows :

It has said that Shri Subhas Chandra Bose may not be alive. He, however, might not have died in the plane crash. The following are the findings given on the issues mentioned just now:

1. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead.
2. He did not die in the plane crash as alleged.
3. The ashes in the Japanese temple are not of Netaji.
4. In the absence of any clinching evidence, a positive answer cannot be given.
5. Answer already given in (1) above.



The findings on the point no.4 (d) are not conclusive. Therefore, it is not possible to rely upon them.

The findings given in the previous reports are conclusive and hence more reliable. Therefore, the question is why the previous findings should not be preferred and the third finding should be referred.

The Government has preferred the findings of the two previous enquiries and, not the third finding, because it is inconclusive and not definite. I think, the government has not done any mistake or wrong in doing so.

The Government was criticized for having delayed the submission of the action taken report, and the report of the commission in time. The law provides that it should be submitted to the legislature in six months' time. They were submitted in six months and a few days' period. The reasons given for delay are not unexcusable. The Commission was appointed to give a report in six months time, and it took more than six years' time. This reality should be compared with the delay of a few days, caused in submitting the report of the inquiry and the action taken report. That would put the matter in correct perspective.

It was also said that no cogent reasons were given for having not accepted the report, and for having rejected it. The reasons were given. Only thing is they were not reported fully. The reasons are given fully on this occasion when all aspects relating to the report, and its comparison with other two reports are done. I do not know if all the points given in the discussions today would be reported or not. If they are not reported, allegations can be made that no valid reasons were advanced even in the debate on the subject. Two or three columns in a newspaper, or a few seconds' visual on the T.V. cannot cover the valid points and all cogent arguments. Lacunae in reporting could generate mistaken perception and misunderstanding. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was



the darling of the masses and more revered by the Congressmen and patriots of all shades and opinions. Whenever doubts were raised about his whereabouts and existence, steps were taken to find out the facts. Not once, but three times. And all the help and assistance was provided to unravel the factual position. In view of these facts, should we hold that, no steps were taken to know if he were alive or not? The government had decided to confer the Bharat Ratna on him, posthumously to revere his memory. If a person is not found to be living for seven years, generally, he is supposed to have died. This fact should have been borne in mind while objecting to conferment of the highest award in the country. The reports given could also have been borne in mind. But that was not done. Why? This should be explained. Comments can be given. But we do not want to enter into dispute of this nature, and, we leave this issue to the people to decide. The statues and portraits put in the Parliament and other official buildings are indications of the desire to respect and perpetuate his memory. He is always mentioned in a very respectful manner. All the leaders pay obeisance to his memory and try to put his view and opinion in practice to strengthen the country and develop our people. The concept of planning was very near and dear to him. That was adopted to build our country's infrastructure and industry, trade and agriculture, science and technology. He was for democracy, social, economic and cultural justice for one and all. These principles have been incorporated in the basic law of the country and in the policy of the government. If these are not the ways to pay homage to the great souls, what are the other ways in which respect to them can be shown?

Let us not fall prey to political considerations. Small concepts cannot produce great and good results. Great men are great, because of their great thoughts and concepts. Let us follow them in their foot-steps by avoiding to fall in traps of narrow-mindedness.

Why any government would not be interested in not respecting the great hero of the freedom struggle? Are we respecting him by keeping this dispute alive,



or trying to disrespect other great leaders ? Let this be understood by the people.

Anything which is acceptable to all of us, to respect his memory can be done by us. If there is anything of the nature, please suggest and we would accept it.

The government is not in a position to say that the Commission gave its report which is conclusive and acceptable. The report has not said as to how Netaji died, where he lived, and why he lived away from his dear motherland. How can this kind of ambiguous report be accepted by all of us ?





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JOINT SECRETARY(CNV)

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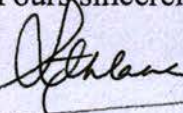
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2. Also forwarded herewith an article appearing in 'The Asahi Shinbun' of Tokyo on the Renkoji Temple issue for your information.

*With kind regards,*

Yours sincerely,

  
(L.D.Ralte)

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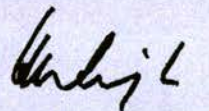
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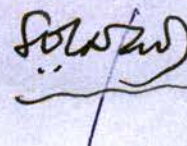
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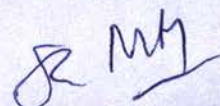
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## Horizon

The Asahi Shinbun Sept. 17, 2006

(By Yukifumi Takeuchi)

When light has filtered into a history of Japan-India relations after a long interval, the drama depicting the life of a legendary figure is still going on.

Memorial service for Chandra Bose, the leader of the freedom struggle of India, was held at the Renkoji Temple in Suginami Ward on August 18. It is said that he was killed in a plane crash in Taipei on this day 61 years ago.

About 100 persons attended the service. Most of them were old men and women. After reading a sutra Rev. Nikko Mochizuki, a 64-year old chief priest of the temple said with a deep sigh, "I was so disappointed at a report." A report on 'disappearance of Bose' compiled by an investigation committee was released in May.

"Bose was killed in a crash of a Japanese army's plane in Taipei soon after the end of the W.W.II. After cremation of his body, the ashes were brought to Japan and eventually to the Renkoji Temple." No Japanese authorities concerned had ever voiced a doubt about this story. Similar investigations had been conducted in India, which concluded that the ashes kept at the Renkoji Temple were genuine ashes of Bose. The Prime Ministers of India had visited the temple during their visits to Japan. The ashes have been waiting for the day when they are brought back to India.

However, this time the investigation has concluded that the ashes are 'fakes'. The last two investigations had been conducted when the Congress was in power. This time, however, under instructions from the previous coalition government headed by the BJP, a rival of the Congress, the committee was set up for the



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purpose of investigating the case. It is widely believed the committee has derived a political conclusion with an aim of embarrassing the present government.

The Renkoji was affected by India's domestic political turmoil. It is certain that the report will cause a further delay in realizing a plan for the return of the ashes to India. Old people concerned are not happy.

Mr. Tomoharu Muto, a 76-year old former diplomat and student of Indian affairs, worked with members of the first investigation committee in 1956 to find out many eye witnesses. Mr. Muto did not hide his resentment about the report by saying "The India side promised to bring back the ashes to India by dispatching a warship. If India fails to carry out a pledge, its international credibility would be at stake.

A 67-year old admire of Bose was one of several Indian attendants of the memorial service. He came to Japan to visit his son in Tokyo. He said "Bose must be very happy as he has been admired so much in Japan." He said that the ashes, if returned to India, would be swept out into the Ganga. The Buddhists bury ashes in graves, while the Hindus sweep them into rivers. There is a perception gap about the death between the two. I wonder whether the Indian side can fully understand the sentiment of Japanese people who have been keeping the ashes of Bose. A sincere sentiment toward the ashes of Bose among the Japanese people concerned reflects the arguments about the ashes of Bose.

We can see new moves to inaugurate. Thanks to its ties with the Rankoji Temple, a delegation of the Sugunami Ward visited India in the spring of 2006. Among the members of the delegation were a mayor of the Ward and members of the Sugunami Ward Assembly. A special corner of India with 300 books on India has opened at the Sugunami Central Library.



The people concerned are getting old. While watching these people, an idea comes to me that the Renkoji Temple should be used as a center of the dissemination of history of exchanges between Japan and India so that old people can tell the young people about their experiences and knowledge about the history.

(Translated by Takeuchi on September 20)



# The Rashtriya Sahara (Hindi)

7 Sept 2006

## " नेताजी मामले में रूस से पत्र व्यवहार की बात कबूली

नई दिल्ली, 6 सितम्बर (एजेंसियां)। विदेश मंत्रालय ने नेताजी सुभाष चंद बोस की रहस्यमय मृत्यु के संबंध में पूर्व सोवियत संघ व वर्तमान रूस सरकार से पत्र व्यवहार की बात स्वीकार की है। लेकिन इसके बारे में खुलासा करने से इन्कार कर दिया। यह जानकारी कल शाम एक अनुसंधान समूह (मिशन नेताजी) ने दी।

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(ए) और (एफ) के तहत सार्वजनिक किए जाने की अनिवार्यता से छूट प्राप्त है। इस धारा के तहत अन्य देशों की सरकारों से प्राप्त गुप्त सूचनाओं और भारत के सुरक्षा सामरिक हितों के प्रभावित होने से संबंधित है।

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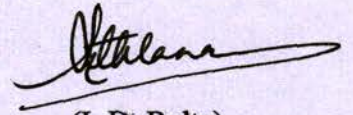
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Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005 by Shri Anuj Dhar.

Kindly refer to note no. RTI/551/75/2006 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2006 forwarding an application from Shri Anuj Dhar seeking information about the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chander Bose.

The following information may please be conveyed to the applicant:

- a) The request to Government of USSR and the Russian Federation were made through diplomatic channels at appropriate levels.
- b) The requisite copies of correspondence cannot be disclosed as it involves the relations with foreign state and is exempt as per the provisions of Clause 8(1)(a)(i).



(L.D. Ralte)  
Joint Secretary(CNV)

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**Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of the Russian Federation**

**No. 5954/2DA**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India in Moscow and, in continuation of Note No. 5538/2DA dated September 14, 2004, has the honour to inform that information sought on the fate of India's prominent political figure Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was not found in the Central Archives of the Federal Security Service of Russia.

The Ministry avails of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

**Moscow, October 6, 2004**

**Embassy of the Republic of India  
Moscow**



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Министерство Иностранных Дел Российской Федерации свидетельствует свое уважение Посольству Республики Индии в Москве и в дополнение к ноте №5538/2ДА от 14 сентября 2004 года, имеет честь сообщить, что запрашиваемых сведений о судьбе видного политического деятеля Индии Нетаджи Субхаш Чандра Боса в Центральном архиве ФСБ России не обнаружено.

Министерство пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить Посольству уверения в своем весьма высоком уважении.



6» октября 2004 года

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21 March 2003

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to your D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 3 December 2002 regarding observations made by Justice Mukherjee Commission.

2. We had conveyed the observations of the Commission to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs requesting clarification on the lines indicated in the letter under reference. In this connection, kindly find enclosed note verbale No. 1907/3DA dated 20 March 2003 from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as its English translation.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(D.B. Venkatesh Varma)

10/4/03  
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Министерство Иностранных Дел Российской Федерации свидетельствует свое уважение Посольству Республики Индии в Москве и, ссылаясь на ноту Посольства № SA/10/03 от 8 января 2003 г. и ноту Министерства № 142/ЗДА от 28 июня 2001 года, имеет честь сообщить следующее.

В федеральных архивах: Российском государственном военном архиве (РГВА), Российском государственном архиве социально-политической истории (РГАСПИ), Государственном архиве Российской Федерации (ГАРФ), Российском государственном историческом архиве Дальнего Востока (РГИА ДВ) было проведено выявление документов, связанных с судьбой С.Ч.Боса. В фондах ГАРФ, РГВА, РГИА ДВ запрашиваемых сведений не обнаружено.

Копии документов, выявленных в РГАСПИ, были направлены в Посольство в 2001 году.

В Центральном архиве ФСБ России, Центральном архиве Министерства обороны Российской Федерации, в отделе рукописей Российской Государственной Библиотеки и в Российском государственном архиве фотодокументов (РГАКФД) каких-либо сведений о судьбе С.Ч.Боса не выявлено.

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Дополнительно сообщаем, что личный архив Евы Яковлевны Люстерник был передан после ее смерти в Институт Востоковедения РАН, а открытая часть фонда И.В.Сталина была передана из Архива Президента Российской Федерации в РГАСПИ.

Министерство пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить Посольству Республики Индии уверения в своем высоком уважении.

Москва, «20» марта 2003 года





Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Russian Federation

No. 1907/3DA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India in Moscow and, with reference to the Embassy's note verbale No. SA/10/03 dated 8 January 2003 and the Ministry's note verbale No. 142/3DA dated 28 June, 2001 has the honour to inform you about the following:

A search was conducted for documents related to the fate of S.C. Bose in the following federal archives:

Russian State Military Archive (RGVA), Russian State Archives of Socio-Political History (RGASPI), State Archives of the Russian Federation (GARF), and Russian State Historical Archives of the Far East (RGIA DV). The information requested for was not found in the GARF, RGVA and RGIA DV archives.

Copies of the documents found in the RGIA DV Archives were sent to the Embassy in 2001.

No information has been found about the fate of S.C. Bose in the Central Archives of the Russian FSB, the Central Archives of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation, in the manuscript section of the Russian State Library or in the Russian State Archives of Photographic Documents (RGAKFD).

We would also like to inform that the personnel archives of Eva Yakovlevna Lyusternik were sent after her death to the Russian Academy of Sciences', Institute of Oriental Studies and the open part of the archival material on I.V. Stalin was sent from the archives of the President of the Russian Federation to RGASPI.

The Ministry would like to use this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Republic of India the assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2003

Embassy of the Republic of India  
Moscow



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Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Russian Federation

No. 2/YuA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of Republic of India and with reference to the Embassy's Note dated 16 September 1991, has the honour to inform that according to the data in the Central and Republican Archives, no information whatsoever is available on the stay of the former President of Indian National Congress, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, in the Soviet Union in 1945 and thereafter.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow  
8 January 1992

Embassy of the  
Republic of India  
Moscow



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(Unofficial Translation)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of the Russian Federation

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India in Moscow and with reference to the Embassy's note No. SA/83/95 dated July 27, 1995, has the honour to state that as a result of the investigations carried out at the Central Archival Collection of the Federal Security Service of Russia, and the Russian Centre for Retention and Perusal of Documents of Modern History, no information whatsoever has come to light on the stay of Subhash Chandra Bose on the territory of the former USSR in 1945 and in subsequent years.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow  
27 October 1995

Embassy of the Republic of India  
Moscow



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Directorate of Foreign Relations  
Ministry of Defence of the  
Russian Federation

March 20, 1997

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The Directorate of Foreign Relations of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to you and has the honour to forward herewith the letter of Mr. L. Joychandra Singh addressed a second time to the Central Archives of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation.

In reply to this repeated query, the Central Archives of the Ministry of Defence (CAMD) of the Russian Federation has pointed out that there is no other data relating to the fate of Subhash Chandra Bose besides the information conveyed to you vide letter No.1843 dated October 28, 1996 (enclosing No.2/22672 of the CAMD).

We request you to kindly inform Mr. L. Joychandra Singh of the above reply from the Archives.

The Directorate of Foreign Relations of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Military Wing of the Embassy of India in Moscow the assurances of its highest consideration.

Military Attache in the  
Embassy of the Republic of India  
in the Russian Federation

Brig. D. Singh



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UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF CENTRAL ARCHIVE  
LETTER NO 22672 DATED 15 OCTOBER 96

Enclosed is a letter from Mr L Joychandra Singh which has been seen and it is replied that there are no records with the Central Archives of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation about the Catastrophe in August 1945 and death of Commander-in-Chief of the Indian National Army Mr Subhash Chandra Bose.

Enclosed : Two letters with our letter No 22672.

Chief of Central Archives  
Ministry of Defence  
of the Russian Federation

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(Colonel N BRILEV)

Forwarded to Embassy of India, Moscow, vide <sup>Russian</sup> Ministry of  
Defence Note Verbale No. 1843 of 28 October 1996.



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The State Archive Service  
Russian Federation  
Centre for Preservation of Historical Documental Collection  
1252/2, Moscow  
Viborgsk Street, 3  
Tel: 159-7383

04.08.1997 No. 175

To

**Mr. L. Jaichandra Singh**  
**Prajatantra Building**  
**Imphal, Manipur. (India)**

Dear Sir,

The Centre for Preservation of Historical Documental Collection, unfortunately, does not have any information on Subhash Chandra Bose.

Sd/-  
**M.M. Muhammedzhanov**  
**Director of the Centre**



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'Right to Information/Urgent'

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No.RTI/551/75/2006  
Ministry of External Affairs  
(RTI Division)

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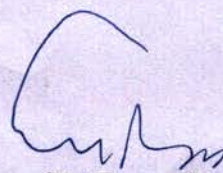
Subject:-Information sought under RTI Act, 2005 by Shri Anuj Dhar.

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We have received an application dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2006 from Shri Anuj Dhar resident of 263, Kangra Niketan, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018 seeking information under RTI Act, 2005 about the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chander Bose. A copy of application is enclosed herewith for ready reference. The requisite fee of Rs.10/= has been received from the applicant.

2. It is, therefore, requested that the requisite information/copies of correspondence may kindly be furnished to enable this Division to send a suitable reply to the applicant within prescribed time limit of 30 days from the date of receipt, under RTI Act.

Encls.....As above



(E. Barwa)

Joint Secretary (Information) &  
Central Public Information Officer  
03.8.2006

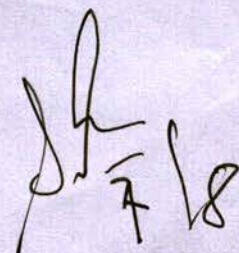
JS(Eurasia)

Would this be for you?

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JS(CNV)

Pl discuss with  
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Pl put up on 8/8  
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263, Kangra Niketan, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018  
e-mail : administrator@missionnetaji.org

2<sup>nd</sup> August 2006

Shri E. Barwa, CPIO  
Room no. 818,  
Akbar Bhavan,  
Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021

**Subject: Application under the Right to Information Act for copies of correspondence the MEA has had with its USSR/Russian counterparts over the disappearance of Subhas Bose**

Dear Sir

I am writing to you on behalf of Mission Netaji, a non-profit Trust conducting research on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We would like to request you to provide us with the certified copies of the complete correspondence the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has had with the Governments of the USSR and the Russian Federation over the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We understand that our Embassy in Moscow had taken up the matter with the Foreign Ministry of Russian Federation in 1992, 1995, 1997, 2001 and 2003 with dissatisfying results.

In particular, we are curious to know whether the MEA sought information from the Russians by issuing mere note verbales, or some serious efforts were ever made from a higher level to uncover the mystery surrounding the fate of one of the greatest Indians ever.

We will be most grateful for your kind approval of this request.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely


For Mission Netaji

  
Anuj Dhar

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Subject: **Letter to PM from former Prime Minister of Japan on the ashes (alleged) of Netaji Subhas Bose at Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.**

Letter dated April 28, 2006 from Hon'ble Mr. Yoshiro Mori, former Prime Minister of Japan is in his capacity as the President of the Indo-Japanese Association. The letter has been forwarded by the eminent Tagore scholar Prof. Kazuo Azuma, who is presently the Secretary General of the Japan India Tagore Association.

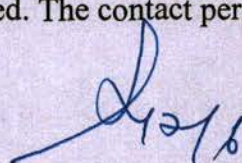
2 Mr. Mori asserts that the ashes lying at Renkoji Temple are that of Netaji and it is his understanding, through Prof. Azuma, that the family of Netaji Subhas Bose wish that his remains should return to India without further delay. It is quite strange that GoI is being approached through this channel.

3 It may be recalled that the third Commission, mandated by Government of India, the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), has recently come to the conclusion that it cannot be proved that the ashes are indeed that of Netaji. Government has rejected the conclusions of the Commission. One of the reasons for the inconclusive findings of the Commission is that experts feel that the remains at Renkoji Temple may not lend themselves to conclusive DNA testing. Thus, we are not yet ready to say with any certainty that the ashes are that of Netaji.

4 The wishes of the family as conveyed to the Hon'ble Mr. Mori by Prof. Azuma may be correct. However, it is necessary to note that there are others in the family who are not too sure. One of the nephews of Netaji, Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Subrata Bose, who met the undersigned several times during the course of the JMCI and who was himself a deponent to the Commission, said that the family wanted closure, but several of them were still not convinced that the ashes in Tokyo are that of Netaji.

5 With regard to the query of PMO on whether or not the Prime Minister should reply to the Hon'ble Mr. Mori, our answer should be positive as the former Prime Minister does indeed deserve a reply, especially as his reason for writing is to "promote the friendship between our two peoples". However, in view of what has been stated above, the reply cannot promise action as requested. It should, therefore, convey regards and thanks to the former Prime Minister's engagement in improving bilateral relations. On the substantive issue, PM's reply should say that the matter is constantly under consideration by the Government and people of India; that it is Government's intention that the wishes of Netaji's family are respected in the matter and it is his personal wish that one of the pre-eminent figures of India's independence movements be laid to rest with all the dignity and honour that he deserves.

6 Before the final answer is drafted, perhaps Ministry of Home, who are the nodal Ministry for the matter, should also be consulted. The contact person is Ms. Bhamati, Joint Secretary (Security).

  
(L.D. Ralte)  
JS (CNV)  
12 June 2006

JS (EA)



Prime Minister

No.

— June 2006

Your Excellency,

Thank you for your letter of April 28, 2006 conveying the wishes of the family of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose regarding the ashes lying at Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

2           Excellency, you may be aware that Government of India has been engaged, right from the time of our independence, to come to a final conclusion on the matter of Netaji Subhas Bose. It has always been the intention of our Government to respect the wishes of his family. It is my personal wish that one of the pre-eminent figures of India's independence movement be laid to rest with all the dignity and honour that he deserves.

3           I take this opportunity to thank you for the personal interest taken by you for promoting friendship between the peoples of our two countries, and to convey my personal wishes for your continued good health.

(Dr. Manmohan Singh)

H.E. Mr. Yoshiro Mori  
President  
The Indo-Japanese Association  
Suzuko Bldg. 2F  
Kayabacho 2-1-14, Nihonbashi  
Chuo-ku, Tokyo  
Japan 103-0025



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## PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Please find enclosed a letter received by Prime Minister and associated papers.

2. MEA is requested to kindly advise whether Prime Minister should send a reply to the letter. If this is recommended, a draft reply from PM may kindly be submitted.

  
(Rudrendra Tandon)  
Deputy Secretary  
Tel. 23018358

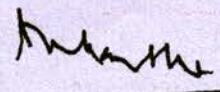
✓ Joint Secretary (EA), MEA

PMO U.O. No. 256 (JS(R)) 06/06

Dated: 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2006

# URGENT

JS(CNV) has been dealing with this matter. I would appreciate his comments so that a suitable draft reply could be prepared and sent to PMO.

  
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✓ JS(CNV)



( ENGLISH TRANSLATION )

Tokyo, April 28, 2006

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I am writing this letter recalling the tragic demise on August 1945 of the great hero of independence Netaji Chandra Bose. I presume that you are aware that ever since September 1945, his remains have been kept at Renkoji, a Buddhist temple in Tokyo, under the hospitable care rendered by its chief Priest.

As I understand it, his remains have not been returned to India mainly because of the delicate domestic circumstances in India pertaining thereto. Recently however, I came to learn through Professor Kazuo Azuma, a board member of the Indo-Japanese Association, that Mrs. Krsna Bose of Kolkata, President of the Netaji Institute and a close relative of the late Netaji Chandra Bose, now feels strongly that considering the change in circumstances in India, his remains should be returned to his fatherland without further delay. Having being briefed in detail, I have come to feel that the wishes of the Netaji family should be considered from a humanitarian point of view. I believe that if his remains were to be returned to India with the courtesy commensurate with his great historic status, the event would further promote the friendship between our two peoples.

I sincerely hope that Your Excellency would be good enough to pay attention to the wishes of the Bose family and take the appropriate steps accordingly. Your favorable assistance would be highly appreciated. I would be much obliged if you could kindly inform me of your thoughts.

With warmest regards,  
Yoshiro Mori

President  
The Indo-Japanese Association  
Suzuko Bldg. 2F  
Kayabacho 2-1-14, Nihonbashi,  
Chuo-ku, Tokyo,  
Japan 103-0025  
Tel.:81-3-5640-7604  
Fax:81-3-5640-1576



2006年4月28日

マンモハン・シン首相閣下

貴国インドの独立運動の偉大なる指導者で、1945年8月に不慮の死をとげられたネタジ・チャンドラ・ボース氏のご遺骨が、同年9月以来、東京の仏教寺院蓮光寺に保管され、同寺院のご住職により最高の敬意を以て守られて今日に及んでいることについては貴首相もご高承のことと存じます。

このご遺骨が既に60年以上もこのような状態にとどまり、故国にお戻りになれなかった原因は、主として貴国の事情によるものと承知しております。然るところ、最近、コルカタのネタジ研究所所長でご親族のクリシュナ・ボース女史より、インド国内の事情がかなり変化してきていることもあり、ご親族の総意として、ご遺骨をこれ以上日本にとどめることなく、故国に迎えることにしたいとの強いご希望が日印協会理事である我妻和男教授を通じ、私に伝えられました。

私は、同教授から詳しい説明を受け、ご親族のご希望が達せられますよう、人道的見地から考えるべき時期にきていると存じます。ご遺骨が貴国において偉大な指導者にふさわしい儀礼をもって迎えられることとなれば、これは日印両国民の間の友好関係の増進に寄与するでありましょう。

このことにつき、貴首相のご高配をえたいと存じ、本信をお送りするものであり、ご内意を承れば幸甚と存じます。

ご自愛を祈ります。

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日印協会会長



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Kindly allow me to express my  
gratitude and thank to you.

I have been directed to deliver  
an important letter to you from  
Mr. Yoshiaki Mori, the President of Indo-  
Japanese Association, Former Prime-  
minister of Japan. and Present M.P.

He is original letter under signature  
written in Japanese, English translation  
of the original letter also enclosed.

Mr. Mori has fully expressed his  
desire regarding of remains of Netaji  
Subhas Chandra Bose.

I believe You would kindly express  
Your words to Mr. Mori soon.

Japan has kept it sixty years.

Finally something should be done,  
by India.

When we get a positive letter  
from You, our government will take  
steps to return Netaji's remains  
to India.



# Bio-data

## 1. Particulars

Name : KAZUO AZUMA  
 Date of Birth : August 14th, 1931  
 Place of Birth : Tokyo, Japan  
 Address : 4-1-18 Nakakokubun, Ichikawa City, Chiba Pref.,  
Japan postal code: 272  
 (phone) 047-372-7532 (FAX) 047-371-9299

## 2. Academic Background

- a. Received B. A. in German Literature, the University of Tokyo, in 1957
- b. Received M. A. in Indian Philosophy, the University of Tokyo, in 1959
- c. Received M. A. in German Literature and Language, the University of Tokyo, in 1960
- d. Obtained D. Lit. (Honoris Causa) on Tagore Studies, Rabindra-Bharati University, Calcutta, in 1986
- e. Obtained the title of "বঙ্গভূতত্ত্ববিদ" from Tagore Research Institute, Calcutta, in 1989.
- f. Obtained Eastern Study Prize-1993 (Academic Achievement Award), the Eastern Institute and the Embassy of India, Tokyo, in 1993
- g. Obtained D. Lit. (Honoris Causa), Śrīlālabahāduraśāstrī-Rāṣṭriya-Saṁskṛta-Vidyāpīṭham, New Delhi, in 1994
- h. Obtained "Rabindra Prize" from Rabindra Bharati Society, Calcutta, in 1998
- i. Obtained "Deshikottama" from Visva-Bharati Univ., in 2000
- j. Obtained "International Academy Prize" from Japan Culture Promoting Association, Tokyo, in 2000
- k. Obtained the title of "Fellow of the International Fellow of Education" from International Academy of Education, New York, in 2000.
- l. Obtained "Shield of Merit" from the Chief-Minister of West Bengal

## 3. Research & Teaching Experiences

- a. Lecturer, Yokohama National University, from 1961 to 1965.
- b. Associate Professor, Yokohama National University, from 1965 to 1971
- c. Reader and the Head of the Department of Japanese Studies, Visva-Bharati, from 1967 to 1971
- d. Associate Professor, Waseda University, from 1972 to 1974
- e. Associate Professor, the University of Tsukuba, from 1974 to 1978
- f. Professor, the University of Tsukuba, from 1978 to 1991
- g. Dean of the Faculty of Modern Languages and Modern Cultures, the University of Tsukuba, from 1981 to 1984
- h. Professor, Reitaku University, from 1991 till now (B.A, M.A. & Ph.D. Course
- i. Dean of Language Education Reserch Institute, Reitaku Univ. from 2001



#### 4. Teaching Subjects Past and Present

- a. Languages  
Bengali, Hindi, Sanskrit, German, Japanese
- b. Modern Cultures of South Asia
- c. Comparative Cultures between India and Japan, between East and West
- d. Japanese: Language and Culture
- e. German: Phonology and Culture

#### 5. Field of Research Specialization

- a. Comparative Cultures
- b. Areal Studies of South Asia (Languages and Cultures)
- c. Rabindranath Tagore ... his Thoughts, Art and Literature
- d. Cultural Intercourses between India and Japan, India and Germany & South Asia General and Japan

#### 6. Attainments

- a. to study Rabindranath Tagore and propagate the ideals of Rabindranath Tagore
- b. to make cultural exchange between India and Japan
- c. Various efforts for the establishment of Nippon Bhavana at Visva-Bharati (Tagore's International Univ.) as Secretary General of the Japanese Committee.
- d. to preside and participate in Conferences on International Exchange of Literature as Chairman of the Association For International Exchange of Literature.
- e. to make efforts for establishing Tagore-Kampo Memorial Monuments in Japan and at Santiniketan as Secretary General of Kampo-Tagore Society.

#### 7. Japan-India Tagore Association

Kazuo Mizuma is one of the foundation members. He has been fulfilling the important role in propagating Tagorology and also in Japan-India Cultural Exchange since 1971, foundation year.

The Association has invited Bengali scholars and artists to deliver lectures and perform Tagore songs and dances in the Embassy of India, Universities and various Tagore-loving Institutes and Museums in many places in Japan.

Various efforts for the establishment of Nippon Bhavan of Visva-Bharati and also Kolkata 'India-Japan Samskyti Kendra', Paschim Bangla Bangla Akademi.



2. Published Books and Academic Papers except on Japanese Language, Japanese Culture and Cultural Exchange

- (1) "Über die Sprache und Weisheit der Inder" (On Language and Wisdom of Indians), in Japanese, Tokyo, 1960
- (2) Anmerkungen und Erläuterungen von Hermann Hesses "Unterbrochene Schulstunde" (Notes and Interpretations on Hermann Hesse's "Interrupted School-hours", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1963
- (3) "On Bengali Phonemes, Bengal Language, Bengal & Bengal Literature," in Japanese, with Seizo Aoyagi (coauthor), Tokyo, 1964
- (4) Hermann Hesse's "Demian — War and Natural Mysticism", in Japanese, Yokohama, 1964
- (5) "On Tagore's আত্মপরিচয়", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1965
- (6) "On Tagore's চণ্ডালিকা", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1965
- (7) "On Tagore's মুক্তধারা", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1966
- (8) "On Tagore's নটীর খুজা", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1967
- (9) Notes on German Translation of Tagore's "Sādhana", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1971
- (10) "Bengal Renaissance and Nandalal Bose", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1972
- (11) "Modern Ethical Thought of Tagore", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1972
- (12) "People and Life in Bengal", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1972
- (13) "On Bengal Buddhist Association," in Japanese, Tokyo, 1972
- (14) Anmerkungen und Erläuterungen von Hermann Hesses "Unterbrochene Schulstunde" (Notes and Interpretations on Hermann Hesse's "Interrupted School-hours", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1963
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- (20) "On Tagore's নটীর খুজা", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1967
- (21) "My Criticism on Japanese Passive Attitude towards Cultural Intercourse with Asian Countries," in Japanese, Tokyo, 1972
- (22) "Tagore and Buddha", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1973
- (23) "Cultural Interchange between India and Germany," Tokyo, 1974



- (24) "On the Idea of Dharma of Tagore", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1975
- (25) "On Bengali Literature", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1975
- (26) "The Mind of India", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1976
- (27) "Tagore and Gandhi", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1976
- (28) "Indian Culture in Asia", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1976
- (29) "Flowers and Rabindranath Tagore", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1976
- (30) "Hymn to the River Ganges", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1977
- (31) "Bibliographical Review of Debendranath Tagore's 'শ্রীশ্রী' and Dttabandhu Mitra's 'নীল দর্পণ'", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1977
- (32) "On Debendranath's 'শ্রীশ্রীজীবনী'", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1977
- (33) "On Ambedkar's 'buddhadharma hi mānavadharmā hai', in Japanese, Tokyo, 1977
- (34) "Development of the Basic Theory of the Studies of Language and Culture", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1978
- (35) "Thought of Tagore", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1981
- (36) "Bibliographical Review of Tagore's Stories", in Japanese, Tokyo, 1981
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১৪ তোমার অসীমে প্রণমন লয়ে ----

২৩ আলি হেমন্তের শান্তি ব্যাঙ চরাচরে ----

৬৬ এই ঋষিমের কোণে রক্তরাগ রেখা ----

৭০ তোমার মায়ের দণ্ড প্রত্যেকের করে ----

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৫ অন্তর মম বিকশিত করো ----

৬ প্রেমে প্রাণে গানে গন্ধে আলোকে পূলকে ----

৮ আজ ধানের ক্ষেতে বৌদ্ধছায়ায় ----

১০৬ হে মোর চিত্ত, পুণ্য তীর্থে ----

১০৭ যেথায় থাকে সবার অধম দীন হতে দীন ----

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২ এবার যে ঐ এল সর্বদেশে গো ----

৭ এ কথা জানিতে তুমি, ভারত-ঈশ্বর জা-জাহান, ----

৮ হে বিরাট নদী, অদৃশ্য নিঃশব্দ তব জল ----

৩৬ সন্ধ্যারাগে ঝিলমিলি ঝিলমের স্রোতখানি বাঁকা ----

৪৫ পুরাতন বৎসরের জীর্ণ ক্লান্ত রাত্রি ----



- (10) Translation of a poem of "পুত্রপুট", from Bengali into Japanese, Tokyo, 1981
- (11) Translation of some songs of "গীতবিতান" from Bengali into Japanese, Tokyo, 1981  
মনে বী দ্বিধা রেখে গেলে চলে সে দিন ভরা মাঁঝে.....  
আজি ঋষারাতের শেষে
- (12) Translation of "চণ্ডালিকা", from Bengali into Japanese, Tokyo, 1982
- (13) Translation of "গোরা" from Bengali into Japanese, Tokyo, 1982
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- (15) Translation of some poems of "শেষ সম্ভব" from Bengali into Japanese, Tokyo, 1984  
এক ( গির জেনেছিলাম, পেয়েছি তোমাকে, .... )  
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চৌবিশ ( পথিক আমি । পথ চলতে চলতে দেখেছি .... )  
তেত্রিশ ( পঁচিশে বিজ্ঞাপন চলেছে .... )
- (16) Translation of some poems of "প্রান্তিক", from Bengali into Japanese, Tokyo, 1984  
১ ( বিশ্বের আলোকলুপ্ত তিমিরের অন্তরালে এল .... )  
৮ ( রক্তমাংসে একে একে নিবে গেল যবে দীপশিখা, .... )  
১৪ ( যাবার সময় হল বিহনের । এখনি কুলায় .... )  
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They two stayed there from 1929 to 1931.
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1967 ~ 1971 (three and a half years)

- As an associate Professor and a Professor, in the Faculty of Comparative Cultures, and also in the Comparative Culture Division of Ph.D. program. course of philosophies and thoughts, I made guidance in comparative studies and researches and education between Japanese culture and South Asian culture (in various fields — fine arts, literature, religion, thoughts, way of thinking, way of life etc.) 1975 ~ 1991.

- Professor of Japanese Language Department of Foreign Languages Faculty, Reitaku University.

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- Professor of Comparative Civilization and Culture in Ph.D. program taking charge of comparative studies between Japanese culture and South Asian culture.

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大使のこのお手紙は進展する前に  
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喜んで頂いておられますが 更に後の進展  
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きっと もっと喜んで下さるものと存じます。

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11<sup>th</sup> November, 2005

Dear Prof. Azuma,

Thank you for your letter of 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2005 which I have seen on my return from a visit to New York.

2. We deeply appreciate the contribution you have been making for many years now for promoting Japan-India relations, in particular our cultural interaction. I am sure that the Japan-India Culture Centre being built at Kolkata with your help will be an important symbol of the growing friendship between our two countries.

3. I am very happy to learn that the Netaji Subhas Open University is going to confer the D.Litt. Degree, Honoris Causa, on you. Please accept my warmest congratulations on this well deserved recognition.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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このお手紙は前に差し上げたかも知れませんが、インド側から私を誘って下さって大変先幸に思っております。丁度身体の具合が悪くて出席できなかつたのです。行けたらよかったなあと思っております。多謝です。

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13 January, 2004

My dear Prof. Azuma,

I have the honour of forwarding the enclosed letter addressed to you by Mr. R. Venkataraman, former President of India, inviting you to attend a "Global Convention on Peace and Non-violence", being organized by the Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti at New Delhi on 31 January and 1 February, 2004.

2. Former President of South Africa Nelson Mandela, former President of the US Jimmy Carter, the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and the Dalai Lama are among eminent international personalities, who have been invited to attend this Conference.

3. The organizers will bear the cost of an economy class return air ticket and offer local hospitality for four days from 30 January to 2 February, 2004 in respect of all invitees to the Conference. We will be honoured if you can find time from your busy schedule to grace the occasion by your presence.

4. I request you for an early response to the invitation so that the organizers can be suitably advised for making necessary arrangements for your participation in the Conference.

With my warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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No.25/4/NGO-XV

June 9, 2006.

Dear *Ms. Bhamati,*

Kindly refer to Ministry of Home Affairs U.O. No.12014/2/2006-NCB II dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006 regarding information on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose to be provided under the Right of Information Act 2005.

2. As you are aware the Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal Ministry for all matters pertaining to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The Ministry of External Affairs has been involved only when any information was to be sought from Indian Missions abroad or for the visit of Commission(s) abroad. In the present case also the information available in this Ministry was already conveyed to the Ministry of Home Affairs vide our u.o. notes of even number dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2002 and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2006.

3. It is therefore, requested that on the basis of information forwarded by this Ministry and other relevant records which may be available in MHA on 'War criminals', a consolidated reply may be forwarded to Shri Gulab Singh and the Right of Information Act at your end.

*With warm regards,*


Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
(L.D. Ralte)

Ms Bhamati,  
Joint Secretary(Security),  
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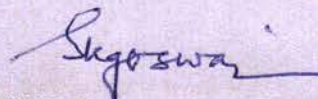
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Subject: To provide the information under Right to Information  
Act 2005 to Shri Gulab Singh-Information regarding  
Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

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Kindly refer to your U.O. No. 25/4/NGO XV dated  
29<sup>th</sup> May, 2006 on the subject noted above.

Since the subject pertains to Ministry of External  
Affairs, the information sought by Shri Gulab Singh under the  
Right to Information Act is sent herewith in original for  
appropriate action .

  
(S.K. Goswami)  
Under Secretary

Shri R.K. Verma, S.O.(NGO) Min of External Affairs, South Block  
MHA U O No. 12014/2/2006-NCB II dt 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2006



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The High Commission of India  
India House  
Aldwych  
London  
WC2B 4NA

Your Reference  
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Our Reference  
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Date  
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Yours Sincerely  
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Army Historical Branch

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Director (CNV),  
विदेश मन्त्रालय, नई दिल्ली  
Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi





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No. UII/103/1/98

New Delhi the.....19

October 15, 2001

Shri M. Roy,  
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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry  
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'B' Block, (Third Floor)  
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Yours faithfully,

  
(Sangeeta Mann)

Director to the Government of India





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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
NEW DELHI

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Narinder Chauhan  
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated December 18, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

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Regards,

Yours sincerely,

*N. Chauhan*  
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

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To

Shri P.K.Sengupta  
Secretary  
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,  
'B' Block, (Third Floor),  
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,  
Kolkata 700 087

Copy to Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Senior Counsel to the Govt. of India in the  
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

19/12/01



A. &amp; T. No. 323 (S.T.R. 8)

Book No. A

Serial No.

2903801

7/3/2006

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Received from

Gulab Singh

with letter No.

Information regarding  
Neta Ji Sahas Chandra

the sum of Rupees

Rs 1000

in Cash/by Cheque on account of

In payment of

Accountant

Signature

Treasurer

Designation



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(CNV DIVISION)

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Kindly refer to your letter No.12014/2/06-NCB-II dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 2006 regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

As per records available with this Ministry Netaji's name neither figured in the list of war criminals of UK Government nor in the UN list of war criminals. Copies of relevant communications in this regards are enclosed herewith.

Since the Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal Ministry for handling the matters pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, an appropriate reply may be forwarded to concerned State Government.

(R.K. Verma)

Section Officer(NGO)

Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi (Shri Kamal Kishore, Section Officer, Security Division)

MEA u.o.No.25/4/NGO-XV dated 29<sup>th</sup> May 2006.

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No.12014/2/06-NCB-II  
Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Security Division  
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Lok Nayak Bhavan, 9<sup>th</sup> floor, 'C' Wing,  
Room No.8, New Delhi, dt. 25.5.06

To

Shri R.K. Verma,  
Section Officer(CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
South Block,  
New Delhi.

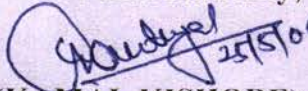
Sub: To provide the information under Right to Information Act 2005 to  
Shri Gulab Singh – information regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra  
Bose .

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the letter No.15/RTI dated 16.5.06 (in  
original) received from State Public Information Officer /State Assistant Public  
Information Officer, Deputy Commissioner Office, Kurukshetra alongwith its  
enclosures for further necessary action at your end.

Encls. As above.

Yours faithfully,

  
(KAMAL KISHORE)  
SECTION OFFICER

Recd on 26.5.06 at 1535 hrs

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Discussed with SS (CNV). It put up a note  
conveying our position to MHA.

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for MHA



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From

State Public Information Officer/  
State Assistant Public Information officer  
Deputy Commissioner Office  
Kurukshetra.

To

Sh. S.C. Bardhan OSD (Security)  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Security Division,  
'C' Wing, 9th Floor, R, No.8,  
Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market,  
New Delhi.

No. 15 /RTI Dated 16-5-06

Subject. To provide the information under Right to Information Act 2005.

Memo

Kindly refer to your office letter no.12014/2/05-NCB-11 date 4-5-06 on the subject noted above.

2. In this regard it is submitted that Sh. Gulab Singh applicant has deposited prescribed fee of Rs 50 vide Receipt No 2903801 dated 7-3-2006(copy enclosed) in this office. You are requested to provide the requisite information to the applicant under Right to information Act 2005. Enclosed. As above

State Public Information Officer/  
State Assistant Public Information officer  
Deputy Commissioner Office,  
Kurukshetra

Endst No.

/RTI Dated

A copy is forwarded to the Sh. Gulab Singh R/o House No. 1121 Sector-13 Housing Board Colony Kurukshetra for information.

State Public Information Officer/  
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Kurukshetra

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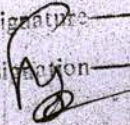
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Form-A  
[Rule 3(1)]

To,

The State Asstt. Public Information Officer,

C/o D.C. Office Kurukshetra.

1. Name:- Gulab Singh

2. Address:- H.No. 1121 Sector 13, Housing Board Colony Kurukshetra  
(Haryana)

3(i) Information req: Neta ji Subhash chander Bose.

(ii) Relates to Neta ji.

(iii) Please let me know whether the name of Neta ji stands in the  
official record of the Govt. as war criminal, if so, since when,  
if deleted, date of deletion?

(iv) By post.

(v) :- Registered

Place :- Kurukshetra (Haryana)

Date :- 7th March, 2006

Gulab Singh  
7/3/2006

Dr. 1101  
Q/No 2 2903801  
7/3/06



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Narinder Chauhan

Joint Secretary

Ministry of External Affairs

10/10/2001

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCII/Records/N.Delhi/99-  
22000/20012 dated 10.10.2001 with reference to the Ministry of Home  
Affairs vide their U.O. No. 1/12014/20/2001-IS D-III dated  
10.10.2001 regarding deletion of the name of Natar Singh Chandra Bose  
from the list of UN War Criminals.

In this connection, on the Ministry's advice, our Permanent Mission in  
New York had approached the UN Secretariat to have access to their  
archives. On examination of the records, nothing was found to indicate that  
the name of Natar Singh Chandra Bose figured in any of the lists of UN  
War Criminals.

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully,

N. Chauhan

(Joint Secretary)

Joint Secretary

Secretary

Ministry of External Affairs

'B' Block, (Third Floor),

11A, Muzra Lane Street

Kolkata 700 087

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Ministry of External Affairs, Commission of Inquiry

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Jagan Rapoor Esq.

High Commission of India

Calcutta

Dear Mr. Rapoor

Thank you for your letter of 24 November regarding the matter which is due to having to consult with the

With reference to the specific question you asked whether the name of the person was included by the United Kingdom in the list of persons who were given up after the Second World War taken by the United Kingdom.

I should add that in the course of my research I have considered in 1945 the Government of India in the public domain are in the public domain. Some of the most pertinent are available at the Ministry of Power series. Others are collected in the British Library.

I have this to say if you have any further questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully  
[Signature]

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

11/11/11  
Director (CIV)  
Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi



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NO. 111/100/1987

Chief Magistrate,

Central District

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

For inquiry into the alleged

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE

11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata - 700 087

Sir,

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Yours faithfully,

(Sudendra Mohan)

Director to the Government of India

Letter

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NGO Section

Sri Bardhan, OSD (MHA) again called to confirm the followings in connection with Home Minister's briefing tomorrow on Justice Mukherjee Commission report:

- (i) Date of visit of PM to Renkoji temple
- (ii) Was Netaji declared war criminal

I have informed him as under

- (i) - 9 Dec 2001
- (ii) - No, Netaji was not declared so, as per our records (copies of 4 communications are enclosed for reference, please).

Sri Bardhan requested for copies of these four pages today itself. May kindly see for approval, M.

For 22/5/06  
SO(NGO)

JS (CAV) — has seen. Pl file. Enclosures were faxed to BMAH on 22.5.06 by J. Masih, Asst. Secy. to Govt. of India.

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(Vijay Gokhale)  
Director(CNV)

Shri V.P.Bhatia, Under Secretary(D.IV), Ministry of Home Affairs  
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OSD  
MHA, New Delhi

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Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi

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HPP/ We have not given  
this. *[Signature]*  
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Narinder Chauhan  
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated December 18, 2001

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Regards,

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*N. Chauhan*  
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

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Kolkata 700 087

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*18/12/01*





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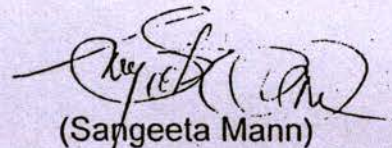
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Director to the Government of India

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October 19, 2001

Shri R. S. ...  
Officer on Special Duty  
Justice Minister, Commission of Inquiry  
For Inquiry into the Alleged Disappearance of  
People Subject Chinese Cases  
B. Park, Third Floor  
The Annex Building, Sector Kolkata - 700 007

I am directed to refer to your letter No.  
100/10000/2001 dated 10th September 2001  
regarding the case of the alleged disappearance of  
the people of the Chinese cases.

Permanent Mission of India, New York have informed that they  
had made a formal request to the UN Secretary for access to the  
archives of the Commission. The request was duly examined and  
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informed that

Yours faithfully,

  
(Secretary)  
Minister to the Government of India

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Fax:	2461 9536	Pages:	FOUR + COVER
Re:	PM Vajpayee at Renkoji Temple	Date:	22 May 2006

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Regards,

(L.D. Ralte)

SC AMH  
23/5/06

SK. GOSWAMI  
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प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय  
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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**Subject: PM's visit to Renkoji Temple, Japan.**

Reference is invited to MEA ID No. C/122/17/2000-JP dated 31.12.2001 on the subject noted above.

As desired, a copy of PM's inscription at Renkoji Temple, Tokyo is sent herewith.

*Alok*  
[Alok Mukhopadhyay]  
Under Secretary (Pol)

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Shri Sibi George – Under Secretary (JK), MEA

PMO ID No. 885/21/C/5/2001-Pol Vol.IX dated: 03-01-2002



मुझे रेंको जी दुबारा आकर प्रसन्नता हुई  
जहाँ भारतीय स्वतंत्रता संग्राम के महान  
सेनानी नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस की स्मृतियाँ  
सुरक्षित हैं।

I have great pleasure to come <sup>again to</sup> Renkoji where  
remains of great Indian freedom fighters  
memories are preserved.



The pioneers

10-12-2001

## Remembering a staunch nationalist in an alien land

Shobori Ganguli

Tokyo

ENDING HECTIC speculation, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee paid his tribute to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the 400-year-old Renkoji Temple here on Sunday, categorically avoiding the mention of ashes with regard to Netaji's association with the shrine.

"I am happy to visit Renkoji for the second time, a place where the memories of India's great freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose lies secure," the Prime Minister noted. Renkoji has invariably figured on the itinerary of every visiting dignitary, including that of Rajendra Prasad, Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi. Each tribute has however left unan-



swered the abiding mystery of the INA founder's end.

In underlying the shrine's association with Netaji's memories, Mr Vajpayee played consistent with his Government's stand that the 1956 and 1970 commissions of inquiry, both of which concluded that the ashes at Renkoji were indeed Netaji's, were inconclusive.

The Vajpayee Government in

May 1999 appointed the Mukherjee Commission to go into all the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945. External Affairs Minister Jaswant Singh visited the shrine in November 1999.

Home Minister L K Advani, at the time of appointing the Mukherjee Commission, had pointed out that the "mystery"

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## Remembering a staunch nationalist...

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surrounding Netaji's death had been agitating the minds of his admirers. This was interpreted by his detractors as the BJP's attempt to appropriate Netaji's patriotism to suit its own brand of jingoistic nationalism. The interpretation was fuelled by Mr Vajpayee's words earlier that Netaji gave a distinct political idiom to the people's nationalist urge by unifying them into a vibrant force of action.

Netaji was reportedly killed in an air crash in 1945 in Formosa, Taiwan, the body cremated, and the ashes sent from the Japanese military headquarters in Taiwan to the general staff headquarters in Tokyo, finally to the Indian Independence League. The ashes were subsequently preserved at Renkoji by Rev Nichiki; the memorial services continue to be performed by his son. India contests this theory. Owing to vocifer-

ous denials at home, Government after Government in India has steered clear of the 'crash theory,' instead going all with the mystery protected in the view that after the defeat of the Japanese in the War, Netaji moved to erstwhile Soviet Union. This theory, in fact, was disputed by his Germany-based daughter, Anita, who requested that the Indian Government accept the 'ashes theory,' retrieve her father's mortal remains, and erect a memorial in India.

Mr Vajpayee, in a letter to former Forward Bloc MP Debabrata Biswas in 1998, had said any action on the issue of accepting Netaji's ashes would be initiated if there is a broad agreement. In Tokyo, therefore, as he stood in front of Netaji's bust installed at the gates of the Renkoji shrine, Mr Vajpayee had only the legendary freedom fighter's memories to cherish.



*The Asian Age*

10-12-2001



**HOMAGE:** Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee offers a prayer for Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo soon after his arrival in the Japanese capital on Sunday. Mr Vajpayee laid a wreath at Netaji's memorial at the temple, where his ashes are believed to be kept. (Reuters)



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# Netaji's dead but didn't die in crash, says report; long live the mystery

Findings rejected, author Mukherjee says difficult for Govt to accept

NANDINI GUHA &  
RAJEEV BHATTACHARYYA  
KOLKATA, NEW DELHI, MAY 17

SEVEN years after it was tasked to solve the mystery of the disappearance of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose, the Justice M K Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has concluded that he is dead but that he didn't die in a plane crash in Taipei in August, 1945 and that the ashes at the Renkoji temple in Tokyo are not his.

Justice Mukherjee's findings, which were rejected by the Government as it tabled the Commission's report in Lok Sabha today, are contrary to the findings of two earlier committees—the Shahnawaz Khan Committee (1956) and G D Khosla Committee (1970)—which concluded that Bose perished in the Taipei crash and his ashes were kept at the Renkoji temple.

But in Kolkata, Justice Mukherjee stood by his report: "I am happy with whatever I have done. Maybe the present Government finds it difficult to accept what I have said and wants to stick to the earlier Commissions' findings."

The story of the crash, Mukherjee said, was "cooked up" to facilitate the flight of Netaji and his companion (Col Habibur Rehman). "The Japanese government knew about it. The Government of India suppressed a report by the Taiwanese government way back in 1956. That report also said Bose did not die in the Taihoku (Taipei) crash. I managed to get this report from the British Intelligence," he said.

Making the average lifespan of an Indian the basis, the Mukherjee Commission concluded that Bose "is dead" but "he did not not die in the

plane crash, as alleged". The ashes at the Tokyo temple, the Commission said, "cannot but be of Ichiro Okura", a Taiwan Government Army member who "died of heart failure on August 19, 1945 in the Army Hospital."

## A myth crashes...

The key findings of Justice M K Mukherjee panel:



- Netaji is dead
- But he didn't die in a plane crash in Taipei in August, 1945
- The ashes at Tokyo's Renkoji temple are not his
- The story of the crash was cooked up to help Netaji escape
- The Japanese and Taiwanese government knew about the ploy
- GOI suppressed a report by the Taiwanese government in 1956
- No evidence to prove that Bhagwanji-Gumnam Baba was Netaji
- The question if he died in Faizabad in 1985 is irrelevant

The Commission also said that in the absence of any clinching evidence to prove that "Bhagwanji-Gumnam Baba was Netaji, the question whether he died in Faizabad (in Uttar Pradesh) on September 16, 1985 as testified by some of the witnesses, need not be answered".

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## Netaji's dead, but didn't die in crash

Though the Government rejected the report, most leaders of the Forward Bloc, the party Bose founded in 1939, said they believe that Bose is dead.

"I believe that Bose is dead but since he is the founder of the Forward Bloc, it is our duty to find out how and where he died," Subrata Bose, Forward Bloc MP, told *The Indian Express*.

Bose's belief stems from the fact that his father (Netaji's elder brother Sarat Chandra Bose) told him in 1949 that Netaji did not die in the plane crash. "I was 17 years old. I remember what Sarat Chandra Bose said. My uncle Suresh Chandra

Bose gave a dissenting note in the Shahnawaz Khan Committee Report which concluded that Bose died in a plane crash in 1945. Mukherjee's report is bang on target," said Bose.

Ashok Ghosh, the party's state secretary, too does not believe that Bose is alive. "Bose's death will always remain a mystery. The Centre does have certain confidential files which it has not opened to any of the three Commissions of Inquiry."

"Justice Mukherjee went where nobody did along with our party MP and researcher Purabi Roy and has come up

with what we knew all along (that Bose didn't die in 1945). So where did Bose go and what was the conspiracy behind his disappearance? That's what the Forward Bloc and the nation needs to know," said Ghosh.

He and FB MPs want an open discussion in Parliament. Why is Bose's death the one-point agenda of FB's three Lok Sabha and two Rajya Sabha members? "That is because we believe that Netaji's brand of socialism works even 50 years after Independence. We are all admirers of Netaji. So we need to know the truth about his death," said Ghosh.



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# Centre keeps Netaji mystery alive

By PRAMOD KUMAR

New Delhi, May 17: The Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission probing the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has inferred that he did not die in a plane crash in 1945, but the government on Wednesday said in the Lok Sabha that it did not agree with the findings. The government also dis-

agreed with the commission's finding that the ashes in Renkoji Temple in Japan were not that of Netaji.

The Justice Mukherjee Commission has concluded that Bose "is dead", that "he did not die in the plane crash, as alleged", that "the ashes in the Japanese temple are not of Netaji", and that "in the absence of any clinching evidence a positive

**Mukherjee panel:  
Netaji did not die  
in plane crash,  
ashes at Renkoji  
Temple not his.  
Centre rejects  
panel's findings.**

answer cannot be given" to the terms of reference.

Reacting to the commis-

sion's findings, Forward Bloc general secretary Debabrata Biswas said, "The Justice Mukherjee Commission has vindicated our stand that Netaji did not die in a plane crash. It is quite unfortunate that the government has rejected the findings of the commission without giving any valid reasons." The Forward Bloc, he said, wants the issue debated in Parlia-

ment. The views of the government, which gave no reason for its rejection of the findings, were given in an action taken report tabled along with the three-volume report of the commission.

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■ Netaji kin differ



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## Netaji mystery

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The commission was set up by the previous NDA government in 1999 to inquire into the circumstances, concerning the departure of Netaji from Bangkok in August 1945, his reported death in an air crash and subsequent developments connected therewith. The ATR said the government has examined the commission's report, submitted to it on November 8, 2005, "in detail and has not agreed with the findings that Netaji did not die in a plane crash, and the ashes in the Renkoji Temple were not of Netaji". In its findings, the commission said that in the absence of any clinching evidence to prove that "Bhagwanji Gumnami Baba was Netaji, the question whether he (Netaji) died in Faizabad (in Uttar Pradesh) on September 16, 1985, as testified by some of the witnesses, need not be answered". The commission had visited Russia, Taiwan and Thailand as part of its probe.

In the ATR, the government said the incidental delay in tabling the report in Parliament "has been occasioned by the time taken in translation (in Hindi), consideration of the report by the government, its approval by the Cabinet and the adjournment of Parliament" on March 22 this year after the first half of the Budget Session.

The controversy over the death of Bose had surfaced after an announcement from Tokyo on August 23, 1945 that Netaji had died in a plane crash on August 18, 1945, the commission said. "However, some press reports published from Tokyo and Taihoku (Taipei) had given contradictory versions," the commission added. The Shah Nawaz Khan Committee, set up by the government in 1956 to inquire into the circumstances of Netaji's death, had through a majority view concluded that Bose was killed in the plane crash. One of its members, Netaji's elder brother Suresh Chandra Bose, had, however, given a dissenting report, saying there was no plane crash that led to Netaji's death.



**MUKHERJEE REPORT****'2 important documents denied to me'**

By SANJOY BHADRA

Kolkata, May 17: "The government has thrown the inquiry report in the waste paper box," is how Justice Manoj Mukherjee, whose inquiry report on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's disappearance mystery was tabled in Parliament on Wednesday and subsequently rejected, reacted.

Justice Mukherjee declined comment on whether he was unhappy over the Centre's action. He, however, said, "The government is not bound to accept my report. I have done my duty and it is up to the government to accept it or not."

Justice Mukherjee claimed that his conclusions were based on "circumstantial evidences". He revealed that he did not get access to some "vital documents" needed for the probe. "At least two such vital documents were not handed over to us. The late Moraji Desai once said that there were fresh evidences that suggested that earlier reports were incorrect. When asked, I was denied. I also discovered that a document titled 'Disappearance of Netaji' was destroyed in 1972. Though the home ministry said that a copy of that document was available with the Cabinet Secretariat, it later denied its presence."

***Kin of Netaji differ on findings***

By JOYDEEP THAKUR

Kolkata, May 17: Differences have surfaced among the family members of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose over the "controversial" findings of the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

Tinamuli Congress leader and Netaji's niece, Krishna Bose said: "I don't agree with the commission's conclusions. There is logic behind the government's rejection of the report."

She argued that for the last 60 years his countrymen believed that their hero died in the plane crash and that his ashes were kept in the Renkoji temple.

"This belief has been corroborated by eyewitness accounts," she added.

Forward Bloc MP from Barasat and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's nephew Subrata Bose, however, fully agreed with the report. "The findings are right and I am sure all Indians will agree with it," he said.



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Kolkata, dated, 07.10.2005

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS(Retd.),  
Secretary.

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2. The Secretary,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
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4. The Director,  
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,  
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block,  
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Sir,

I am directed to send herewith photocopies of  
the order dated 05.10.2005 of the Hon'ble Chairman of the  
Commission and the proceedings dated 06.10.2005 of the  
Commission for favour of taking necessary action at your  
end (in respect of such of the matter as may be applicable  
to your Ministries/Department/Office).

Enclo: As stated.

Yours faithfully,

( M. Roy )  
Secretary



05.10.2005

Three applications, one supported by an affidavit of Shri Surajit Dasgupta (JMCI/11) and the other two by Shri Subhas Ranjan Dasgupta and Shri Satyabrata Tapadar (both JMCI/3), detailing some grounds justifying the visit of the Commission to Russia and Vietnam and examination of some other witnesses were filed. Those applications were heard on June 10, 2005 and in view of the earlier order dated December 9, 2004, whereby a similar prayer of Shri Tapadar had been considered and rejected, his belated application for summoning identical witnesses was rejected by an order passed on the same day. By the the same order the applications filed by the other two deponents, viz., Shri Surajit Dasgupta and Shri Subhas Ranjan Dasgupta, so far as they relate to the visit to Vietnam, were directed to be placed for orders after the Commission's visit to Russia. Now that the Commission has completed its visit to Russia it proceeds to pass necessary orders relating to their prayer for visit to Vietnam.

While the application of Shri Subhas Ranjan Dasgupta does not contain any substantial material to justify such a visit, the application of Shri Surajit Dasgupta relies upon the following papers / documents for the same :

- (i) A report of one Smt. Prabha Jagannathan, a journalist, published in the 'The Telegraph' dated September 26, 1994;
- (ii) Some documents indicating that the Indian National Army (INA) had a base in Vietnam;
- (iii) Shri Ananda Mohan Sahay's letter to Shri Subimal Dutta as mentioned in their earlier affidavit dated November 5, 2003; and



- (iv) Item No. 109 on page 263 of the Transfer of Power (Vol. VI) which mentions that Netaji was seen in Saigon after the date of the alleged air crash.

After careful perusal of the above papers / documents the Commission is of the view that no factual matrix has been laid down to justify a visit to Vietnam. The article of Smt. Prabha Jagannathan does not contain any material to indicate that Netaji was in Vietnam after the alleged air crash on August 18, 1945. Nonetheless, Smt. Jagannathan was repeatedly summoned to appear before the Commission but she failed to appear. Coming to the documents in item No. (ii), the mere fact that the Indian National Army (INA) had a base in Vietnam does not have any bearing whatsoever on the Commission's terms of reference. As regards the letter of Shri Sahay [item No. (iii)], it is seen that it is based only on information and hence no notice can be taken thereof. Lastly, the report in the Transfer of Power (Vol. VI) mentioning that Netaji was seen alive in Saigon after the aircraft accident is also based on a news item and no objective material, on which the said news item was founded, is available therein.

From the foregoing discussion the Commission is of the view that no purpose - much less useful - will be served by paying a visit to Vietnam except wasting time and public money.

The two applications, so far as they relate to the visit to Vietnam, are, therefore, rejected.

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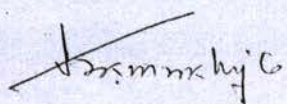
**Proceedings dated 06.10.2005 (48<sup>th</sup>) held at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007.**

October 06, 2005

At the outset the Commission has read out the order dated October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 passed by it on the application dated 8/06/05 filed by Shri Surojit Dasgupta (JMCI/11) and two other applications, one filed by Shri Subhas Ranjan Dasgupta dated 2/06/05 and the other filed by Shri Satyabrata Tafadar dated 6/06/05 (both JMCI/3) respectively whereby it rejected their prayer for a visit to Vietnam.

The Commission has thereafter apprised the deponents, their lawyers and others present about the outcome of the visit to Russian Federation and asked the deponents to offer their comments on the same.

In response thereto the Learned Advocate Mr. Keshab Bhattacharyya appearing for All India Forward Bloc (JMCI/19), Learned Advocate Chandreyi Alam appearing for Dr. Purabi Roy (JMCI/45), Dr. Madhusudan Pal (JMCI/14), Prof. Nanda Lal Chakraborty (JMCI/11), Mr. Subhas Ranjan Dasgupta (JMCI/3), Dr. Susanta Mitra (JMCI/37), Mr. Kanai Lal Basu (JMCI/13), Mr. Sukhendu Baur (JMCI/31) and Mr. Subrata Bose (JMCI/27) have submitted that though they are of the firm view that there are documents regarding Netaji in the custody of KGB/FSB Archives in Russian Federation, due to non-cooperation of the Government of India and the Government of Russian Federation the Commission was deprived of the opportunity of going through the same. In that context, they have submitted that the Commission would keep this aspect of the matter in consideration while preparing its report.

  
(M. K. Mukherjee)  
Chairman



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**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1809**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2006**

**“COMMISSION ON NETAJI’S WHEREABOUTS”**

**RS 1809      SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO.**

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- dr. P. H. H. H.*
- (a) whether it is a fact that the NC Mukherjee, the third Commission set up to find out Netaji’s whereabouts, has submitted its report, recently;
  - (b) if so, the revelations made by the Commission in its report;
  - (c) whether it is a fact that the Indian Embassy in Russia was not cooperating to the Mukherjee Commission; and
  - (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

PRIME MINISTER

SH. MANMOHAN SINGH

- (a) & (b) Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has submitted its report on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2005. As per the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952, the report will be tabled in both the Houses of Parliament in the current session.
- (c) The Embassy of India in Moscow, on the basis of instructions from the Ministry of External Affairs, provided maximum possible support to the Hon’ble Commission during their visit to Russia in September 2005. The Mission, with the help of the Russian Foreign Ministry, arranged visits to seven archives during the visit.



Information gathered by the Russian government on the subject of the Commission were also procured by the Mission and given to the Commission, both before and after its visit to Russia. A Russian speaking diplomatic officer from the Embassy was attached to the Commission during its entire visit and the Mission also provided premises, secretarial, interpretation and other services. Due courtesies were also shown to the deponents who accompanied the Commission.

(d) Does not arise

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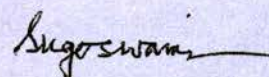
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conversation the undersigned had with Shri L.D. Ralte, JS(CNV), on  
the 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 in connection with the above matter..

The reply to the question is given below –

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Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952, the report will be tabled in both  
the Houses of Parliament in the current session.”

This issues with the approval of JS(S) in this Ministry.

  
(S.K.Goswami)  
Under Secretary

MEA (Shri L.D. Ralte, JS (CNV)).

MHA UO No. 13013/1/2006-NCB.II dated 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2006.



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**RAJYA SABHA**  
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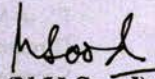
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The list of finally admitted questions for the Rajya Sabha to be answered on 09.03.2006 is enclosed herewith, along with the printed text of the relevant question(s).

2. The draft answers to each Starred Question in triplicate, typed in double space may be submitted in red file cover for approval of PM through the concerned Secretary and MOS by **TODAY** itself.
3. The draft answer to each Unstarred Question in triplicate, typed in single space may be submitted in blue file cover to MOS through concerned Secretary today itself.
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(N K Sood)  
Section Officer (Parl.)  
04.03.2006



**Ministry of External Affairs  
(Parliament Section)**

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2	S2074-OIH	279	XIX	Permanent seat in Security Council	UNP	JS (UNP)

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3.	S 3404-OIH	1793	Recognition of Hindi in UNO	ADMN	JS (AD)
4.	S 4271	1794	Indian and Pakistani prisoners in the two countries	PAI	JS (PAI)
5.	U 725	1795	Forging of Indian Passport	CPV	JS (CPV)
6.	S 3680	1796	SAARC Summit in Dhaka	SAARC	JS (SAARC)
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9.	S 2064/2061	1799	Land for Regional Passport Office	CPV	JS (CPV)
10.	S 3213	1800	District passport cells in Karnataka	CPV	JS (CPV)
11.	S 4025-OIH	1801	Insult of officials of IFA at Karachi	PAI	JS (PAI)
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15.	S 4432	1805	Declaration of civilian nuclear power	D&ISA	JS (D&ISA)
16.	S 3403-OIH	1806	Talks on nuclear agreement with USA	AMS	JS (AMS)
17.	S 3676	1807	Resolving Sri Lankan ethnic crisis	BSM	JS (BSM)
18.	S 4420	1808	Visit of French President	Europe West	JS (EW)
19.	U 730	1809	Commission on Netaji's whereabouts	CNV	JS (CNV)
20.	S 4463	1810	Boundary issue with China	East Asia	JS (EA)
21.	S 3257/3237	1811	Indian Embassies in the Gulf countries	ADMN	JS (AD)

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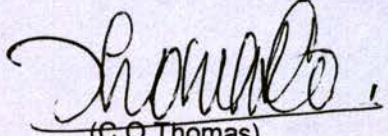
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Please find enclosed list of officers dealing with Parliament Question in Lok Sabha Secretariat and Rajya Sabha Secretariat to facilitate communication in connection with Parliament Question with Lok Sabha Secretariat / Rajya Sabha Secretariat.

  
(C O Thomas)  
Under Secretary (Parl)  
03.03.2006

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From: "fs2" <fs2@indembjp.org>  
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 Sent: 15 February 2006 16:53  
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 Subject: Translation into English

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From: Indembassy Tokyo  
 To: Foreign New Delhi

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Enclosed as word attachment herewith are the following:

- Revised translation of the letter dated 25 Mar 05 from Rev Nichiko Mochizuki (pages 1-3)
- Translation of the attachment referred to in the above letter [A note from Reverend Kyohei Mochizuki, dated 25 Jul 1957] (pages 4-9)

Embassy's remarks on the translation are included as three footnotes 1, 2 &amp; 3.

Regards.

S K Mandal

----- Original Message -----

From: jscnv  
 To: dcm@indembjp.org  
 Cc: 'fs2'  
 Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 5:01 PM  
 Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission on Netaji

To: Indembassy Tokyo  
 From: Foreign New Delhi

C.d'A. from JS (CNV)

I have been communicating with FS (Pol) regarding above subject as he is dealing with the matter.

He must have informed that MHA, had requested that Ministry provide authenticated translation of the letter from the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple, addressed to him dated 25 Mar 05.

MHA has today informed me that by authenticated they only mean a translation of the complete letter, along with attachments, provided by Ministry/Mission. At present, we only have a translation of the letter and an note saying that the other paper contains a note by the Chief Priest of the Renkoji temple titled "About remains of Netaji Chandra Bose". This note has to be translated for MHA.



As MHA are working on a time frame of putting up the draft for Parliament to the Cabinet on 20 February, I would be grateful if Mission could send the translations to me by e-mail in a Word document and you could please forward the hard copies through Special Bag.

With best wishes,  
Sincerely,

L.D. Ralte  
Joint Secretary (CNV) &  
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Dear Sir,

Please forgive me for responding late to your letter received earlier. I wish to express my view as follows:

On December 9, 2001, PM Vajpayee visited the Renkoji Temple. He visited the temple twice including the occasion when he was the Foreign Minister to pay homage to the remains of H.E. Mr. Subas Chandra Bose, the leader of India's independence movement, which had been kept at the temple. After the Prime Minister's visit, I heard that investigation on the remains would be conducted again.

A delegation led by Mr. Mukerji visited the Renkoji Temple on September 17, 2002. On that occasion, the persons concerned including myself and Messrs. Masao Hayashi and Shigemoto Okuda of the Chandra Bose Academy gathered. They offered thorough explanations about the circumstances surrounding the death of H.E. Mr. Chandra Bose. I have no doubts about the authenticity of the factual explanations offered by individuals directly related to the temple. The possibility of conducting a DNA test was not discussed at that time.

In October, Messrs. Rajasekhar and Armstrong visited the temple. They said they would open the casket for investigation as directed by Mr. Mukherji. I opened it as I thought I should cooperate with them. They took pictures of the scene. I requested them to give me a proof showing that I did not open the casket by myself but only when I was so asked. Both officers, Messrs Rajasekhar and Armstrong put in the casket a piece of paper on which they wrote about it. After that I heard that pictures taken at that time had appeared in a local newspaper in India. I was astonished and shocked.

Colonel H. Raman, Mrs. Sahay, Mr. Iyer and officials of the concerned Japanese authorities concerned brought the remains with the request we kept them. (Please refer to an attached copy of a paper about the details of the handover of the remains in 1945)



At that time, after the defeat in the war, Japan was under occupation of the US and the UK. In the midst of severity of circumstances surrounding the Japanese society, my father agreed to safeguard the remains under his care in the conviction that there is no border for remains. He was requested by official of the Indian Representative Office to remain silent concerning this matter for some time. Therefore I believe without doubt that these are the remains of H.E. Mr. Chandra Bose. At that time, the then Indian Representative Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan had requested my father to keep the remains and give considerable care to them because they were the remains of a very important person of India. Therefore, my father always had given conscientious care to the remains of the Indian dignitary in a bid to avoid any accident. Someone told my father to give up the remains. I heard that my father took the remains in his bed during that night. He made such arrangements more than once.

When Mr. A. Seth was the Ambassador, I was told that a DNA test could be conducted and I had agonized over it so much. When he was still alive, my father used to say that the remains must be returned to India. I decided to extend my cooperation in the hope that if I agree to conduct the DNA test, it would pave the way for the return of the remains to India, as my father wished for it. In a meeting with the Ambassador, H.E. Mr. Tripathi, last year, I told him that I consent to the proposal.

Needless to say, I hope that the remains must be treated with respect and dignity when a research is conducted. I think we should offer prayers showing due respect when the remains are pulled out for the DNA test.

As to giving explanations to the followers of the Renkoji Temple, that task maybe left to me. As for the Chandra Bose Academy, however, I am in no position to answer for them.

When I met H.E. Mr. Tripathi at the Embassy on April 9, 2004, he asked me whether I had any request to make of him. I requested



him to make some arrangement to allow me to bury some of the remains here. After considering further on the matter, I wish to make a new request. I hope that the names of my father and myself would be engraved below a statue of H.E. Mr. Chandra Bose in India as we have been entrusted for safeguarding the remains for a period of 60 years. If I were allowed to bury some of the remains, I shall continue to pray for the repose of souls of Mr. Bose.

This is my response to Secretary Srinivas.

Sincerely Yours.

Nichiko Mochizuki

Chief Priest of the Renkoji Temple

(25-3-2005)

Mr. Srinivas

Officer

The Indian Embassy



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**Regarding the remains of Mr. Netaji Subas Chandra Bose**

Kyoei Mochizuki

Chief Priest of the Renkoji Temple

2-130, Koenji, Suginami-ku Tokyo.

Rev. Kakigawa, a priest with a special duty of the Horinouchi Myohoji temple, visited the Renkoji temple at 8 o'clock in the morning of 18 September 1945. He came for a secret consultation about the funeral for Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, the Supreme Commander of the Indian National Army who was killed in an air crash at the airport in Taipei on August 18 of the same year. Rev. Kakigawa said that Rev. Nisho Hori, the chief priest of the Myohoji temple, was requested to perform the funeral but that he declined the offer because he felt not upto it due to his old age; other temples had also refused to accede to the request, citing various reasons; and he was told by others that the Chief Priest of the Renkoji temple could accommodate the request. Upon hearing the request, I agreed to it promptly as I believed there was no border for souls and it is a vocation for a Buddhist priest to pray for the repose of souls of the dead. Consequently, about 100 people gathered at 8 o'clock in the evening of September 18. Among those who were present were: Mr. M. Rama Murthy, an Indian who lived in Tokyo, Mrs. Sahay, Mr. Iyer, Mr. Kimura, 50 or 60 bodyguards of Mr. Bose, a Japanese man in plain clothes who appeared to be an officer attached to the General Staff, Indians and Japanese. I receive the remains from the officer attached to the General Staff and Mr. Murthy, placed them at the center of the Buddhist altar, and held the ceremony with 6 other Buddhist priests. After the end of the ceremony, Mr. Murthy requested me to keep the remains. I did not create any document acknowledging the acceptance to safeguard the remains because I thought it was a temporary arrangement. As things turned out, I continued to keep the remains secretly. Since then, several Indians used to make secret visits to the temple to pray for the repose of Mr. Bose's soul every month on 18th, the day when he passed away. However, it had become clear that the Indians residing in Japan who belonged to the Indian National

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Army would be repatriated to India on November 19 as war criminals prosecuted by the UK. I heard that they had taken important posts of the Indian Army following round the clock discussions at the court martial. Taking into consideration the circumstances surrounding the Japanese society at that time and Japan's relations with the occupation force, it is natural that the Indians concerned were extremely cautious about the safeguard of the remains. I made up my mind to risk my life for the task of keeping the remains because it was not easy to safeguard such remains for a long time. Few people visited the temple after the Indians concerned left Japan for their country. Based on my religious belief, I have been devoting myself to the safeguard of the remains and to offer Buddhist services for the repose of the soul of Mr. Bose in a bid to meet expectations of the Indians concerned who told me, at the time of their departure for home, that they had absolute confidence in me.

Around the time when the San Francisco Peace Conference was held in 1950, some newspapers had begun reporting stories about Mr. Bose. Accompanied by the Director of the Protocol Division, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chetor, of the Representative Office of India in Japan, visited the temple on May 21, 1950. Mr. Iyer, then the Bombay Information attaché, came in May and June of the same year for investigation. He returned home after completing his fact finding mission. On May 28<sup>th</sup> of the same year, Mr. Tamura, the Director of Protocol Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Toravelu, the First Secretary of Indian Embassy, came suddenly for extending an invitation to me and took me to a dinner hosted by CDA Chetor of India. However, Mr. Chetor was not able to attend the dinner due to an official engagement. Mr. Tamura said "You have done a good deed for Japan. However, your deed could have serious effects on the relations between Japan and India. It depends on your future deeds." First Secretary Toravelu showed highest respect and deep appreciation to me for my dedication for the safeguard of the remains of Mr. Bose at the risk of my life.



Prior to Mr. Iyer's return to home in July of the same year, Ambassador Chetor visited the temple again. Shortly after that, Mr. Rawal was posted to Japan as the Ambassador and visited the temple thrice. In each time of the visits, he expressed his gratitude to me and asked me to continue looking after the remains. At the end of February 1953 at the invitation of the Indian Embassy I visited the Embassy for a meeting with Ambassador Rawal. On that occasion, I expressed my view and offered detailed explanation of the development of the case about the remains of Mr Bose from the beginning as was required under the Indian embassy's documents. The Embassy made a record of all the discussions at the meeting. On that occasion, the Ambassador said "I head that some are trying to make use of the remains of Mr. Bose for the benefit of their own, which disturbs me. It stands to reason that you hold Buddhist services for the repose of his soul. Under the policy, we turn down all proposals from anyone who is trying to make use of the matter for his own profit. I would like to advise you not to get involved in any dirty conspiracy from outside."

As there were various complicated problems around the issue about keeping the remains, I asked him how I should deal with the remains of Mr. Bose. Then, on January 12, 1954, on behalf of the Indian Ambassador, a person visited to me secretly. He showed me a reply letter from PM Nehru and read the words by himself. He told me that in the names of the President of India and PM Nehru, they expressed the highest gratitude to me for my effort to hold the funeral for Mr. Bose and keep his remains. As for a matter of handling the remains, I was told and asked to say prayers for the repose of Mr. Bose's soul and keep the remains for the time being as they could entrust it to nobody in Japan for safeguarding except me, attaching faith in my sincerity. I was asked to tell nothing about the matter to newspaper reporters and others. The above mentioned letter contained a word as to material assistance to me. I had not requested for any assistance. As I only felt the necessity of setting up a shrine which is appropriate for placing the remains of Mr. Bose in it, I told him so. Then, the person acting as Ambassador's proxy promised me to convey it to PM Nehru.



On August 18, 1955, First Secretary Dau of the Indian Embassy visited the temple. After placing a flower wreath from the Ambassador, we held a Buddhist memorial service in commemoration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Mr. Chandra Bose. Mr. Bose had passed away on August 18. On September 18 of the same year, a memorial service sponsored by myself and all the supporters of my temple was held to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Mr. Bose. About 200 people attended the service including the Foreign Minister (Aoi Shigemitsu), the Indo-Japan Association, the Asian Association and ex-Japanese military men, together with journalists and citizens. It was a successful service. The Indian Government sent a telegram saying, "On the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Mr. Bose, we wish to pray for the repose of his soul and think about his greatness. We wish to express a profound gratitude to Rev. Mochizuki, the Chief Priest of the Renkoji Temple, for his favor."

On May 30, 1956 at the Indian Embassy, I had a meeting with Messrs Nawazukan (Railway Councilor) Suresh<sup>1</sup> Bose (elder blood brother of Chandra Bose) and Maitra Nawazukan<sup>2</sup> (Commissioner) of a delegation led by Mr. Nawazukan, which was dispatched by the Indian government to investigate the cause of the death of Chandra Bose. Consequently, the above mentioned three voiced their conviction that that remains kept at the Renkoji Temple must be the remains of Mr. Bose. I accompanied them to the Renkoji Temple immediately. They saw the remains. Upon seeing the remains, Mr. Suresh Bose, an elder blood brother, was not able to stand there. He just broke down and cried. He held my hands and expressed his gratitude to me many times.

On June 4 of the same year, a reception sponsored by the Ministry Foreign Affairs was held for the delegation at the Industrial Club of Japan in Marunouchi. On that occasion, a film depicting a brave

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<sup>1</sup> Sarat?

<sup>2</sup> Shahnawaz Khan?



figure of Mr. Bose before his death was shown. It was kept by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and given to the delegation. At the reception, Mr. Suresh Bose shook hands with me five times again. In each time, he held my shoulders. Tears of gratitude were streaming down his face.

On October 12 of the same year, a paper about a "matter with regard to a report by an investigation committee on the cause of the death of Chandra Bose" came. It was addressed to me from the Director, the 4<sup>th</sup> Division, the Asian Bureau, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. According to the paper, on September 11 at Indian Parliament, PM Nehru delivered a speech on the report by the mission investigating into the cause of the death of Mr. Chandra Bose; acknowledged that the remains kept at the Renkoji Temple are those of Mr. Chandra Bose; and recognized the necessity for erection of a monument in his memory at an appropriate place by bringing back the remains to India in the future. He said, "I (PM Nehru) express my deep gratitude to the chief priest of the Renkoji Temple, who has been dedicated to safeguarding the remains with great respect for a long period of time."

I heard that the Indian Government did not immediately fulfill a plan to return the remains to the country because, Mr Suresh<sup>3</sup> Bose, an elder brother of Mr Chandra Bose, after the return of the delegation refused to acknowledge the death of Mr Bose due to influence of his close relations. And, especially as 80 million people in the Bengal State still believe blindly that Mr. Bose is alive, the Indian Government is reported to take into consideration its impact on the matter.

In accordance with Buddhist rite, the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Mr. Bose was to be observed. As such, on June 25 I visited the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Indian Embassy for making a three-point proposal in writing. I wish to hold a memorial service to commemorate the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Mr. Bose on

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<sup>3</sup> Sarat?



coming August 18, the date of his death. I hope that PM Nehru will visit the Renkoji Temple to pay his respect at the remains when he visits Japan. I asked about the Indian government's intention of dealing with the remains. I had advanced the same suggestions in writing to PM Nehru. The Indian Government and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs replied quite positively and sincerely, promising to provide a variety of assistance to me. The Indian Embassy and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have given me concrete instruction as to the matter of sending invitation cards. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed me that PM Nehru will visit the temple as a part of an official program during his visit to Japan in this autumn. The Director of the Information Bureau of the Indian Embassy has given us a part of a report compiled by the Indian Government (with 6 to 7 photographs of the Renkoji Temple and myself) based on the report by the Indian Government's investigation mission.

The Buddhist memorial service in commemoration of the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Mr. Bose scheduled for this summer is an important function. I wish to hold it with solemnity with support and cooperation to be given by the authorities concerned and good wishers at a time when an official investigation by the Indian government was complete.

July 25, 1957



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**Ministry of External Affairs**  
**(Parliament Section)**

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for answer on **09.03.2006** received from Question Branch of Rajya  
Sabha Secretariat on 27.02.2006.

*N K Sood*  
(N K Sood)

Section Officer (Parliament)  
27.02.2006

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may kindly see. Mission's inputs  
have already been received. This Division  
has no further inputs to add.

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PROVISIONAL ADMITTED QUESTION FOR THE  
RAJYA SABHA

Starred/Unstarred Diary No.	U730
The Question will be put down for answer on the Ministry/Department addressed by the Member (s)	9/3/2006 EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (EA)

**Commission on Netaji's whereabouts**

**Shri K. Rama Mohana Rao:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the NC Mukherje, the third Commission set up to find out Netaji's whereabouts, has submitted its Report recently;
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- (d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

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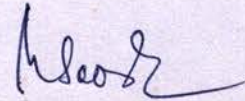
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(N K Sood)

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PROVISIONAL ADMITTED QUESTION FOR THE  
RAJYA SABHA

Starred/Unstarred Diary No.	U730
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PARLIAMENT QUESTION/  
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Ministry of External Affairs  
(NGO Section)

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Subject: Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. U 730 for 9-3-2006 by Shri Rama Mohan Rao K, MP regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

Ministry of Home Affairs may kindly see the enclosed communication received from the Rajya Sabha Secretariat (U. Q. Dy. No. 730 dated 21.2.2006) on the above subject.

2. Inputs of Ministry of External Affairs, in so far as Part (c) & (d) of the question are concerned, are given in the enclosed note.
3. The Ministry of Home Affairs is requested to handle this parliament question, as it is the nodal Ministry on matters relating to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.
4. This issues with the approval of Minister of State(EA).

(L.D. Ralte)  
Joint Secretary(CNV)

Ministry of Home Affair(Mrs. B. Bhamathi, Joint Secretary(Security),  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor Lok Nayak Bhavan, New Delhi  
MEA UO No. 25/4/NGO Vol.-XV dated 28 February, 2006

Copy to:

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2. Parliament Section, MEA, New Delhi.

(L.D. Ralte)  
Joint Secretary(CNV)

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**MOST IMMEDIATE**  
**PARLIAMENT QUESTION**

No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XV  
Ministry of External Affairs  
(NGO Section)

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Subject Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No.U 730 for 9-3-2006  
regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

Reference Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No.U-730 regarding visit to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Russia. In respect of part (c) and (d) the following are the inputs of this Ministry:

“The Embassy of India in Moscow, on the basis of instructions from this Ministry, provided maximum possible support to the Hon’ble Commission during their visit to Russia in September 2005. The Mission, with the help of the Russian Foreign Ministry, arranged visits to seven archives during the visit and information gathered by the Russian Government on the subject of the Commission were also procured and given to the Commission, both before and after its visit to Russia. A Russian speaking diplomatic officer was attached to the Commission during its entire visit and the Mission also provided premises and secretarial, interpretation and other services. Due courtesies were also shown to the deponents who accompanied the Commission.”

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RAMA MCHANA RAO,

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सेवा में,

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL / महासचिव,

RAJYA SABHA, NEW DELHI / राज्य सभा, नई दिल्ली।

/श्रीमान,

Under Rule 39 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, I give notice of the following  
 हया तथा कार्य-संचालन विषयक नियमों के नियम 39 के अंतर्गत, मैं निम्नलिखित अतारंकित प्रश्न की सूचना देता हूँ  
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 का उत्तर.....200 को दिया जाये।

Yours faithfully / भवदीय,

Member / सदस्य

Division No./विभाजन सं. 139

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

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(क)

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Section Officer (Parliament)

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note for MHA (as in vol. XIII)  
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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER  
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सेवा में,

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL / महासचिव,

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**MOST IMMEDIATE**  
**PARLIAMENT QUESTION**

**Fax**

**Ministry of External Affairs**  
**New Delhi**  
**Office of Joint Secretary (CNV)**

To:	Indembassy Moscow	From:	L.D Ralte, JS (CNV)
Fax:	7-095-975 2337	Pages	TWO
Re:	JMCI Visit to Russia	Date:	22 February 2006

**DCM from JS (CNV)**

Attached please find copy of Rajya Sabha, provisionally Unstarred Question Dy. No. 730 for answer on 09-03-2006 by the Minister for External Affairs, on the subject the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry in to the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. While we are requesting MHA to accept transfer of the question, we will have to provide inputs for parts (c) and (d). Mission is requested to kindly provide information for the same. Your letter No.Mos/Pol/125/1/90 of October 5, 2005 is on record and will form the basis of our initial draft.

*Warm regards,*

(L.D. Ralte)



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RAJYA SABHA / राज्य सभा  
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER  
लिखित उत्तर के लिए प्रश्न

NOTICE OFFICE

/ No. 748  
Date

QUESTION BRANCH

U.Q. Dy. No. 730  
Date

Place/स्थान

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RAMA MCHANA RAO,

, M.P./संसद सदस्य

/ सेवा में,

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R/श्रीमान,

Under Rule 39 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, I give notice of the following  
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Yours faithfully / भवदीय,

Member / सदस्य

Division No./विभाजन सं. 129

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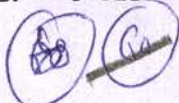
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**PARLIAMENT QUESTION**

**Ministry of External Affairs**  
**(Parliament Section)**

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May please see the enclosed Provisionally Admitted Question(s)  
for **Rajya Sabha** Diary No(s) ..... U 730 .....

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for answer on **09.03.2006** received from Question Branch of Rajya  
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(N K Sood)  
Section Officer (Parliament)  
22. .02.2006

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(P.T.O./कृपया)



# Man who isn't here

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Yesterday upon the... I met a man who wasn't there. He wasn't there again today. I wish that man would go away.

—Hugh Means (1875-1965)



## Netaji is most interesting to us for his beautifully grand failures

SANDIPAN DEB

**E**VEN six decades after he was last seen in public, 60 years after the plane carrying him allegedly crashed on the island of Formosa, Subhash Chandra Bose just refuses to go away. Neither is he here, nor is he going anywhere. And now that the Justice Mukherjee Commission has cast firm doubts on whether he died at all in the plane crash, the man who isn't here is back again.

Of course, the Commission's finding is merely corroborating evidence for what all Bengalis — and many non-Bengalis — have always believed. I have never met a Bengali who thought that Netaji died at Taihoku. In Bengal, What Happened to Netaji has been a thriving industry for long. Biographies the size of bricks have all been bestsellers. In the early '80s, a book titled Netaji Ki Shaulmarir Sadhu? (Is Netaji The Sadhu Of Shaulmari?) sold thousands of copies. I remember dozens of alarmingly geriatric people practically fighting one another at the Calcutta Book Fair to lay their hands on the book. And no one thought it the least bit unusual.

There are other theories. A persistent one is that Bose was captured by the Russians and died in a gulag in Siberia. And Netaji lovers who hate Jawaharlal Nehru (and most of them do) are absolutely sure that when the Russians captured Bose, Stalin informed Mountbatten, who, under Nehru's advice, asked Stalin to have him quietly shot dead. Then there are the various sadhu theories, that he returned to India as a sanyasi, to settle in Shaulmari or Faizabad. But the most interesting story I have heard about the man who wasn't there is from a top bureau-

crat (Bengali, obviously), who calmly told me that the heart attack that finally killed Nehru was due to a chance meeting with Bose. Apparently, just before the seizure, which happened on a Puri beach where Nehru was out for a stroll, an aged sadhu walked up to him and said: "Hello, Jawahar, do you recognise me?" "B-but, but, aren't you dead?" blubbered Panditji before collapsing on the spot.

Successive Indian governments have found Netaji an itch that you can't reach and never goes away. On the one hand, it had to contend with fanatical Forward Bloc MPs who

held at the Renkoji temple every year by his Japanese admirers on his birthday is an annual irritant for the Indian embassy in Tokyo. If the ambassador attends the ceremony, that's official acceptance that the ashes are Bose's. But if the embassy doesn't send anyone, you are implying that they are not. The solution to this has been to send a junior diplomat to stand, head bowed, at the ceremony, and thus maintain crystal-clear ambiguity.

But what is it about this man that keeps us obsessing about him? As far as Bengalis go, the mania is easy to understand. We are a race that is

### With every defeat he scaled his stakes up even higher, failing every time on a grander scale, every defeat but an incitement to a higher and more subversive dream

would stall Parliament with stirring speeches about Netaji still being alive and demand that the government acknowledge this simple truth. On the other, the Japanese government has been, for decades, demanding that India take and look after the urn containing Netaji's purported ashes at Tokyo's Renkoji temple. A friend remembers a noting by the then External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao on one such irate letter from Japan. Rao had written: "Do nothing about this. Repeat, do nothing." No Indian government has ever emphatically claimed that the Tokyo ashes are Bose's, or that they are not.

As a result, I have been told, the small memorial ceremony that is

beginning to accept grudgingly that our best days are behind us. So we clutch on to our heroes desperately. An Amartya Sen here, a Sourav Ganguly there. And Subhash Chandra Bose epitomises every frustration a typical Bengali feels, consciously or unconsciously, about the decline of his race. It is a conspiracy plotted and executed meticulously by non-Bengalis (Bengali is the only language I know of that has a word for 'the other', in this case, 'abangali', non-Bengali). Betrayed by Nehru, outwitted by Gandhi, Bose, in our minds, is the ultimate Bengali not allowed to flower by cunning, jealous and insecure non-Bengalis.

Yes, but what about the fact that

framed pictures of Bose far outnumber those of, say, Nehru or Patel, in homes in Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, the Northeast? In spite of carefully crafted school history textbooks that downplay Bose's contribution, the people of India have a peculiar fondness for this man who actually lost every battle he fought in his life. Or is it in fact because he lost? Gandhi's machinations forced him to resign as Congress president. Finally elbowed out of the party itself, he set up Forward Bloc. Stealing out of house arrest, he made his way to Afghanistan, trying desperately to meet the Russian ambassador there. Failing, he travelled to Germany to seek Hitler's help. Rebuffed, he managed to escape Allied warships in a grueling submarine journey to land in Japan, and created the Azad Hind Fauj. The Fauj was crushed and he had to flee. Yet, he had coined for us the slogan Jai Hind, and created a totally secular army — his top three generals were a Hindu, a Sikh and a Muslim. He also, as Congress president, thought up the idea of a Planning Commission (and got Nehru to head it). And in a 1938 speech, actually predicted not only the Second World War, but also the Cold War to follow. In hindsight, it's one of the most stunning speeches ever given by an Indian politician, in its global sweep and visionary perception.

Yet he was a loser. He lost every battle he fought. But with every defeat he scaled his stakes up even higher. He seems to have lived his life fueled by some strange fiery optimism, failing every time on a grander scale than before, every defeat but an incitement to a higher and more subversive dream. Maybe that's why we obsess about him. He never reached, but he never turned back either. He is the embodiment of our suspicion that the dice are loaded, that the gods cheat. And each one of us has sensed them cheating.

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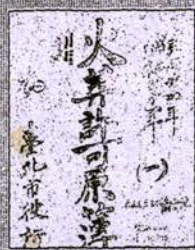
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## MUKHERJEE Judge cites evidence to back claim he didn't die in Formosa Netaji missing from crash death register

NANDINI GUHA  
KOLKATA, DECEMBER 13

ADD one more to the swirl of conspiracy theories around Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's disappearance.

It's now with the Home Ministry as Exhibit Number 304. Written in Japanese, it's a 60-year-old "death register" issued by the local municipality in Taihoku 10 days after the August 17, 1945 air crash in which Netaji is said to have been killed. The death register does not have Netaji's name. Neither does it mention the name of the pilot or the co-pilot.



The death register (left)



This forms the key evidence behind the conclusion of the Justice Manoj Kumar Mukherjee commission—as first reported in *The Indian Express* on November 13—that Netaji did not die in the plane crash.

November 13—that Netaji did not die in the plane crash.

"The Commission's report indeed cites this evidence. I cannot comment on whether there is any further scope of inquiry", Mukherjee told *The Indian Express*.

The evidence he is referring to—he submitted his report last month—contradicts the official Indian line and the finding of the previous two commissions, Shah Nawaz Committee (1956) and the Khosla Commission (1972), which concluded that Netaji had died in the plane crash.

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## Netaji missing from crash death register in Taiwan

The death register is a 25-page list of 273 persons—Japanese, Chinese and British—cremated and buried under the Taihoku municipality from August 17, 1945 to August 27, 1945.

The Mukherjee Commission had asked for death records of that period from the Taipei City Government in January, 2005.

The death register reached the commission after its visit to Taipei and Bangkok on January 26 and 27 this year. Translator Sandeep Kumar Sett's letter to the commission (Exhibit 305) reads: "There is no entry in the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/Chandra Bose, Pilot Takizawa, Co-Pilot Aoyagi and General Shidei in the above documents of cremation".

Another letter which Justice Mukherjee has

cited in his report as evidence against the crash theory is one from the CIA, archived at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in Maryland.

The letter, which reached the Mukherjee Commission via the MEA on Jan 27, 2005, is on the letterhead of the Department of State and is dated June 28, 1946. It says: "A search of the files in the Intelligence Division reveals that there is no direct evidence that Subhas Chandra Bose was killed in an airplane crash at Taihoko, Formosa, despite the public statement of the Japanese to that effect". This document was informally sent by the Friends of India Society in the US after it was declassified in 1986 but a certified copy reached the Commission only in January 2005.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1714  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2005

**DENIAL OF ACCESS TO MUKHERJEE COMMISSION IN MOSCOW**

1714 SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Mukherjee Commission, probing the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, had been denied access to archives in Moscow; and
- (b) if so, what diplomatic initiative had been taken to persuade Moscow to allow the Commission to have access to its archives?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) & (b) The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for Inquiry into the Alleged Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, during its visit to the Russian Federation from 20 to 30 September 2005, visited the following archives:
  - (i) Russian State Archive for Social and Political History, Moscow
  - (ii) Russian State Archive for Audio Documents, Moscow
  - (iii) Russian State Naval Archive, St. Petersburg
  - (iv) Central State Archive, St. Petersburg
  - (v) State Archive, Omsk Region
  - (vi) State Archive, Irkutsk Region, and
  - (vii) Private Archives of Prof. Eva Ya. Luisternik at the Institute of Oriental Studies in Moscow.
2. According to the Russian legislation (Archive Law of 2004), which is applicable not only to representatives of foreign countries but also Russian citizens, access to classified archives, without any exception, is given only to a strictly defined category of officials.
3. Despite the above Law, taking into consideration the interest of the Indian side, the Russian government had competent authorities conduct a detailed study of these archives and copies of all documents found with the name of S.C. Bose, had been handed over to the Indian side. These, in turn, have been given to the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY  
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Kolkata, dated, 02.11.2005.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),  
Secretary

- To: 1) The Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
(Attention : Joint Secretary (Security)),  
Government of India, North Block,  
New Delhi-110001.
- 2) The Secretary,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
(Attention : Joint Secretary (CNV)),  
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- 3) The Secretary,  
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- 4) The Director,  
Intelligence Bureau, Govt. of India,  
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New Delhi-110001.

Sub : Corrigendum to the Proceedings  
dated 06.10.05 of the Commission.

S i r,

In continuation of the Commission's letter No.  
JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/99-2000/48(V)/  
151(4) dated 07.10.2005 I am directed to state that  
the proceedings dated 06.10.2005 sent therewith is  
the 47th Proceedings and not the 48th Proceedings as  
erronously indicated in the copy of the said Proceedings  
sent with the aforesaid letter ~~Max~~ dated 07.10.2005.  
The mistake is regretted.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)  
Secretary



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**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**  
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF  
**NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.**  
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Kolkata, dated, 17.10.05.

From : M. Roy, IAS(Retd.)  
Secretary

- To :
1. The Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
  2. The Secretary,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
  3. The Secretary,  
Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India,  
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110004.
  4. The Director,  
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,  
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

Subject : Status Report from 16.07.2005 to 15.10.2005)

Ref : Your Office letter No. 1/12014/1/2000-IS(D.III)  
dated 07.02.2000.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report' of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, for favour of taking necessary action at your end( in respect of such of the matters in the Status Report as may be applicable to your Ministry/Department/Office).

Yours faithfully,

( M. Roy )  
Secretary

Encl : As stated above.



**Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry**

For Inquiry Into the Alleged Disappearance of

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**STATUS REPORT**


(From 16.07.2005 to 15.10.2005)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.06.2005 to 15.07.2005 forwarded earlier to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their respective ends (in respect of such of the matters in the Status Report as may be applicable to them).
2. Photocopies of the Commission's Status Report as on 22.07.2005 and of its proceedings dated 26.07.2005 were sent on 29.07.2005 and the photocopies of its orders proceedings dated 05.10.2005 and 06.10.2005 respectively were sent to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat as also to the Director of Intelligence Bureau, Government of India under Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceeding (Follow up)/99-2000/48(V)/151(4) dated 07.10.05 for favour of taking necessary action at their respective ends (in respect of such of the matters in the Status Report as may be applicable to them).
3. The Hon'ble Chairman and the Principal Private Secretary of the Commission visited Russian Federation during the period from 20.09.2005 to 30.09.2005. Six



(6) deponents, the Advocate of the All India Forward Bloc and Dr. D.N.Bose, a nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose attended the hearing of the Commission in Russian Federation at their own costs. The Commission visited some archives located in Moscow, Omsk, Irkhutsk and St. Petersburg as could be arranged by the Indian Embassy in Moscow in collaboration with the Russian Government. The Commission could not get any opportunity to visit the Central Archives of FSB (KGB) and the President's Archive of the Russian Federation.. The Commission examined Prof. E.M. Komorov, Mr. V.Turadzhev, Mr. A. Raikov and Mr. Solokov as could be arranged with their consent by the Indian Embassy in Moscow. Mr. Yuri Kuznets declined to depose before the Commission. Mr. A. Kolesnikov, another witness, could be ultimately traced by the Indian Embassy only after the Commission reached Moscow. He, however, could not be made available for his examination since he was reportedly posted in Turkey.

4. The last hearing of the Commission was held on 06.10.2005 at 11.00 A.M. at the Seminar Hall Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata 700 007 when the outcome of the visit of the Commission to Russian Federation for holding its inquiry there during the period from 20.09.2005 to 30.09.2005 - was discussed and deliberated and the order dated 05.10.2005 of the Hon'ble Chairman rejecting the prayer of some deponents urging the Commission to visit Vietnam, was read out by the Hon'ble Chairman.



( M.Roy )  
Secretary



*Panel Submits*  
**report  
on Bose**

**By OUR CORRESPONDENT**

New Delhi, Nov. 8: The Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission, probing the death controversy of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, submitted its report to the Union home minister Shivraj Patil on Tuesday.

The report was submitted by Mr. M. Roy, secretary to the commission.

The government of India had appointed a commission of inquiry on May 14, 1999, headed by Justice Mukherjee, a retired judge of the Supreme Court, with a view to put an end to the controversy shrouding the alleged disappearance of Subhash Chander Bose in August 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith.

The earlier two panels had concluded that Netaji had died after a plane crash in Taipei on August 18, 1945.

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**EMBASSY OF INDIA**  
**6-8, Ulitsa Vorontsovo**  
**Polye, Moscow**

**No. Mos/Pol/125/1/90**

**October 5, 2005**

*Dear Mrs. Mukherjee*

I write in continuation of my fax of 4<sup>th</sup> October in reference to a news item carried by the 'Indian Express' of October 4, 2005 regarding the visit last month of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to Russia.

As I had earlier mentioned, Justice Mukherjee was extremely satisfied with the arrangements made by the Mission for the visit. Most of the accompanying deponents too were very forthcoming in appreciating the hospitality and courtesies extended to them during their visit. In the backdrop of an overall positive feedback on the Embassy's efforts, it is regrettable that one of the deponents, Ms. Purabi Roy has, through the media, sought to describe the attitude of the Indian authorities coordinating the visit as 'lackadaisical'.

While we take note of Mrs. Roy's comment, this could perhaps be explained by her own approach and attitude towards the Inquiry, some earlier comments attributed to her in the media as well as our own assessment after talking to her on various informal occasions during the visit.

By way of background, it needs to be recalled that the Russian MFA had conveyed to us that access to classified Archives in Russia is regulated under the law. Any access has to be processed as per Russia's legal procedure and in case of JMCI we had been told by the Russian side that there was nothing in the KGB Archives relevant to the subject. In the interactions we had with him, Justice Mukherjee had himself accepted this position. However, it seemed Mrs. Purabi Roy had come to Russia to prove her earlier publicised beliefs on Russia being relevant to the subject of Inquiry. Not having been able to do so may explain her general disappointment with the entire exercise in Russia.



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We would like to emphasize that the Mission has, from the very beginning, very much recognised the significance of the visit of this eminent judicial Commission to Russia. Based on this, detailed preparations had been made, including on the substantive side (access to Archives, meetings, etc.). As you are aware, the Mission showed helpful consideration also to the accompanying deponents who were officially not part of the delegation. With a view to make their stay convenient and to facilitate the process of Inquiry, a Russian-speaking Second Secretary had been deployed full-time with the delegation during the entire period of visit. During the stay in Moscow, the Embassy also provided premises, secretarial and interpretation services for various meetings.

If felt necessary, you may also wish to have a word with Justice Mukherjee and some of the other accompanying deponents.

*With best wishes,*

**Yours sincerely,**

*Manu*

**(Divyabh Manchanda)**

**Shri L.D. Ralte  
Joint Secretary (CNV)  
Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi.**

**Copy to:**

**Dr. Jaimini Bhagwati, Joint Secretary (ERS), MEA, New Delhi.**

**(Divyabh Manchanda)**



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*S.M.R.*

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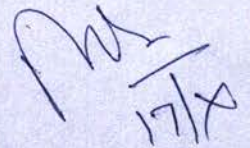
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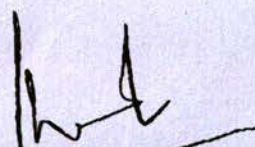
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 $\frac{1}{2}$ **MOST IMMEDIATE****FAX**

<b>To : JS (CNV)</b> <b>MEA, New Delhi</b> <b>Fax : 91-11-23792285</b>	<b>From: Virander Paul</b> <b>Counsellor (Pol)</b> <b>Indembassy Moscow</b>
<b>Rpt: JS(Eurasia)</b>	<b>Fax: 7-095-9170077, 9752337</b>

Faxed herewith is copy of a letter dated September 26, 2005 from Prof. T.L. Shaumian, Head of the Indian Centre of the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow addressed to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) regarding the Private Archives of Prof. E. Ya. Lusternic. It is requested that the letter may please be forwarded to the JMCI for their records.

  
(Virander Paul)  
Counsellor (Pol)  
October 11, 2005

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Kindly refer to the visit of JMCI delegation from September 20-30, 2005. It is hoped that the entire JMCI team (including deponents) have obtained necessary visas.

We would urgently need to know the flight details of the delegation to further firm the visit programme. Enclosed is a suggested draft programme for JMCI's consideration. The draft programme needed to be modified in terms of the sequence in which these cities because of non-availability of seats on flights (as per the previous draft programme) to Irkutsk/Omsk and between Omsk and Irkutsk. We often face this problem because of low frequency of flights to these cities. Change in the sequence will not affect the content of the programme. Deponents may be advised accordingly.

As regards access to various Archives in Russia, the Russian Foreign Office yesterday formally suggested that JMCI may consult the following Archives (in the Reading Halls) :-

- ✓1. Russian State Archive for social and political history (Moscow)
2. Russian State Archive of Cinema-Photo Documents (Moscow Region, Krasnogorsk)
- ✓3. Russian State Archive for Audio Documents (Moscow)
- ✓4. Russian State Naval Archive (St. Petersburg)
- ✓5. Central State Archive (St. Petersburg)
- ✓6. State Archive (Omsk Region)
- ✓7. State Archive (Irkutsk Region)

Some of the Archives that JMCI had desired to visit are not included in MFA's list. Earlier today, the Foreign Office telephonically clarified that the Archives not mentioned in the list have confirmed to them that

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As on September 16, 2005

**JMCI visit to Russia  
(September 20-30, 2005)****Suggested Draft Programme**

<b>Date/Time</b>	
<b>September 20, 2005 (Tuesday)</b>	
0900 hrs	Arrival Moscow by AI-6536 (Sheremeteyevo-II airport) <i>(To be confirmed by JMCI)</i>
1100 hrs	Arrive Hotel Radisson
1500 hrs	Meeting with witnesses- Mr Komorov, Mr Raikov & Mr Turadzeve <i>{Mr A Kolesnikov is still not contactable and Mr Yuri Kuznetsk has expressed his inability to meet JMCI}</i>
1930 hrs	Dinner hosted by Deputy Chief of Mission <i>(Venue: DCM's residence)</i>
<b>September 21, 2005 (Wednesday)</b>	
1200 hrs	Meeting at Institute of Oriental Studies (IOS) and examine private Archives of Prof. E. Ya. Luisternik at IOS
Lunch	hosted by Counsellor (Political) & HOC
Afternoon	Visit to Russian State Archive of Audio Documents <i>(3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baumanskaya Str, Moscow, Contact person: Mr. Vladimir Kolyada, Director, Tel: 261-13-00)</i>
<b>September 22, 2005 (Thursday)</b>	
0930 hrs	Visit to Russian State Archive of Cinema-Photo Documents



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	(1, Rechnaya Str, Krasnogorsk {Moscow Region}, Contact person: Ms. Ludmila Zapryagayeva, Director, Tel: 562-14-64, 563-08-45)
1400 hrs	Visit to Russian State Archive of Socio-Political History (15, Bol. Dmitrovka Str, Moscow, Contact person: Mr. Kirill Anderson, Director, Tel: 229-97-26)
<b>September 23, 2005 (Friday)</b>	
0830 hrs	Depart for Sheremeteyevo-I airport
1100 hrs	Depart for Omsk by flight No. 563 of Arkhangelsk Airlines
1730 hrs	Arrival Omsk
1830 hrs	Arrive Hotel (Booking being made)
<b>September 24, 2005 (Saturday)</b>	
1100 hrs	Visit to State Archive of Omsk Region (1, Tretyakovskaya Str, Omsk)
2200 hrs	Depart for airport
2345 hrs	Depart for Irkutsk via Yekaterinburg by flights Nos. 698 & 587 of Krasnoyarsk Airlines
<b>September 25, 2005 (Sunday)</b>	
1105 hrs	Arrive Irkutsk
1300 hrs	Arrive Hotel (Booking being made)
<b>September 26, 2005 (Monday)</b>	
1100 hrs	Visit to State Archive of Irkutsk Region



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<b>September 27, 2005 (Tuesday)</b>	
	Visit to Archive
<b>September 28, 2005 (Wednesday)</b>	
1200	Depart for airport
1340 hrs	Depart for St Petersburg by flight No. 4113 of M Avia Airlines
1640 hrs	Arrive St Petersburg
1800 hrs	Arrive Hotel Grand Europe
<b>September 29, 2005 (Thursday)</b>	
1100 hrs	Visit to Central State Archive of St Petersburg
1400 hrs	Visit to Central State Archive of Naval History (Gatchina, St Petersburg, Contact person: Vladimir Sobolev, Director, Tel: 312-11-37)
<b>September 30, 2005 (Friday)</b>	
1200 hrs	Depart for airport
1320 hrs	Depart for Moscow by flight No. 135 of Pulkovsky Airlines
1430 hrs	Arrive Moscow (Sheremeteyevo-I airport)
	Transit to Sheremeteyevo-II airport
1710 hrs	Depart for New Delhi by AI-6535 (To be confirmed by JMCI)

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Kindly refer to the visit of JMCI team later this month, accompanied by eight deponents. You had yesterday informed that visa clearance for all deponents had been received by the Russian Embassy in Delhi except in respect of Mr. D.N. Bose and Ms. Roma Banerjee. We had followed it up with the Russian MFA who have confirmed that visa clearance for these two deponents had been sent by them to the Russian Embassy in Delhi yesterday itself.

Most grateful if JMCI may accordingly be advised so that all deponents may timely obtain their visas.

*With kind regards,*



**(Virander Paul)**  
**Counsellor (Pol)**  
**September 15, 2005**

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Vide our fax of September 12, 2005, we had informed about a brochure published by Mr. Yuri Kuznets in 1992 containing some references to Netaji Bose. Enclosed is English translation (done at Embassy) of the relevant extracts. This may please be suitably shared with JMCI. Mr. Kuznets maintains that he would not like to meet JMCI as he has nothing to convey to JMCI on the subject of the Inquiry.

Atk hand signed,



(Virander Paul)  
Counsellor (Pol)

September 15, 2005

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(Counsellor)

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**Extracts of the book, written by Yuri L. Kuznets**  
**"Marauders are quitting the game".**  
**Published in 1992 by "Interprakt", Moscow**

**Unofficial translation.**

**"Matsotta" is obtaining Soviet visa.**

Instructions were really complicated. It was necessary to send Subhas Chandra Bose to Germany. He was wanted by Britain secret service, colonial Administration and local police throughout India. Bose was staunch and irreconcilable adversary of Great Britain and may be the most dangerous one at that time.

In contrast to Indian National Congress, Bose and his activists basically counted on armed struggle and open cooperation against enemies of England – Germany, Italy and Japan. Bose dreamed about freedom for India through crushing defeat of Britain. Bose could not do it himself, so he linked activity of his troops and groups with assault of Germany on India from the West, and Japan from the East. The aim of Bose was to expedite the assault in all possible ways and reinforce it from inside by subversive Anti-English activity in India and if possible, to attached nature of mass anti-British revolt. However, at that time, not all people considered his activity as "subversive". Fascism was not so popular in India at that time, but racism and violence were condemned everywhere. A lot of Indians were satisfied with telling blows, delivered hateful center of empire by axis countries, in particular, against the background of British demonstrative non-recognition of Indian rights for self-determination. J. Nehru wrote about this period : How can we conciliate two basic directions of our policy – opposition to British imperialism and opposition to fascism and nazism ? How can we adjust our nationalism with our internationalism ? That was a difficult question for us, taking in view current situation. However, this question would not be difficult, if the British Government take a step to show us its refusal from imperialistic policy in India and rely on people's good will."

But it did not happen. Indian public reacted accordingly. Describing the psychological atmosphere in the country that time, Jawaharlal Nehru wrote: "People were pushing out not by patriotic feelings, but by their willingness to save themselves from an offense and the worst".

So, S. Bose did not have any mass support, but he could use the mood of majority for his own purposes. Nehru wrote about it the following: "Protection of the imperialism, which we were fighting with for such a long time, seemed to be non-sense and impossible to us."



Of course, Bose made his main counting on the military defeat of England, at the time when Hitler's Germany had been already at the war with it and Japan was still neutral. So, Bose was interested in Berlin. When Japan occupied Burma and came close to the India's borders, Bose reoriented to the Far East.

In spring 1941 his ways crossed with Bhagat Ram. Bose decided to shift from India to Berlin, because some of his friends and relatives were arrested in India and he, by himself also was wanted. He needed Hitler's support, including financial one. Ports were under police control and departure through one of them was very risky. Bose took another way and in February came to Kabul. He was accompanied by Bhagat Ram, who was not a member of Bose's organization, he did not like axis-members but he was posted as Bose's escort by his party "Kirti Kissan" because of his knowledge of Phushtun zone which they had to cross as well as Afghanistan and Kabul. He also had his own flat in Kabul – the premises which belonged to Ultam Chang and his shop. It was supposed that Ram was doing a favour to Bose only due to their common aim – to weak British positions in India at most.

Ram fulfilled his task. Bose settled down in Kabul and started to make arrangements for the next step of his journey. During war time, he could come to Germany only through the territory of USSR. For this purpose he required a passport, which he did not have. German Embassy applied to the Italian one. Italians considered the German request positively. Bose got passport in respect of Italian citizen Mazzotta. Holding this passport Bose applied to the Soviet Embassy for transit visa, crossed the USSR territory and came to Berlin.

Mazzotta disappeared. But German Consulate General drew attention to Bhagat Ram, who was introduced as a powerful Indian activist in Afghanistan and India with anti-British orientation. It was of interest and he was suggested to work for the German Secret Service. German resident was satisfied with Ram's past, his contacts and mood, especially because he was concerned about difficulties of the anti-British activities in India, shortage of agents and information as well as conspiratorial bases in India. Bose's recommendation also helped. Ram was thinking : it would be important for me and my party to establish contacts with enemies of their enemies.

Offer on co-operation was accepted. Ram left German Consulate having 100 000 Indian Rupees in his pocket, 12 guns and bullets. Money and arms were required by the people whom Ram would be recruiting in India. Since May 1941 after the German finished their checking Ram had become the main agent of the German Secret Service in India.



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Kindly refer to your fax message No. 25/4/NGO.Vol.XV dated September 9, 2005 regarding JMCI's visit to Russia later this month.

Details of three of the five witnesses proposed to be examined by JMCI have already been conveyed to you. Of the remaining two, we have established contact with Mr. Yuri Kuznets in the Finance Academy (Moscow). In response to our letter requesting him to meet JMCI in Moscow, Mr. Kuznets rang us up on September 9, 2005 to inform that he was not willing to meet the JMCI team because he felt he had nothing concrete to convey or contribute on the scope of the Inquiry. He added that he had published a brochure in 1992 about some events in Afghanistan during the World War - II period in which he had mentioned about Netaji's travel through Afghanistan in 1940. He said, "what happened later, he did not know". This input may please be appropriately shared with JMCI.

Mr. Alexander Kolesnikov, Former Major in Warsaw Pact, is yet not contactable. The Institute of Oriental Studies is not fully aware of his whereabouts. We have also requested the Russian Foreign Office to confirm if he is currently working as a Russian diplomat abroad. We would keep the Ministry updated.

Wk kind regards,

*(Signature)*  
**(Virander Paul)**  
**Counsellor (Pol)**

**September 12, 2005**

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Thank you for your fax of today referring Indian Express report quoting  
Researcher Purabi Roy. A detailed response is being sent by Bag to you. Justice  
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With best wishes,

*Divyabh*  
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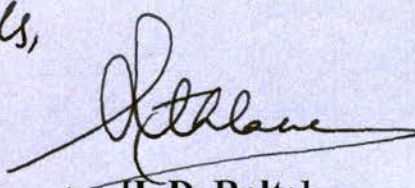
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September 20, 2005

From :  
Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)  
Secretary

To

All Deponents

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Commission will hold its next sitting on 06.10.2005 starting at 11.00 AM at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007, when the Commission will discuss and deliberate upon the outcome of the visit of the Commission to Russian Federation for holding its enquiry there.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)  
Secretary

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September 20, 2005

Copy forwarded to :

1. Mr. Tarakeswar Pal, Learned Senior Counsel, Government of India, 33, Asoke Avenue, Kolkata 700040.
2. Ms. Abha (Datta) Roy, Learned Counsel for the Govt. of West Bengal; F-4, Cluster XI, Purbachal Housing, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700091

(M. Roy)  
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The Mission has been in regular touch with CNV Division in connection with preparations for the visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to Russia from September 20-30, 2005. The Russian Foreign Office has been formally requested to make necessary substantive arrangements for this visit, particularly those relating to access to various Archives in Russia as well as to facilitate visas for the JMCI delegation. Counsellor (Political) today had a detailed meeting in the Foreign Office to overview the present status. A copy of his note is enclosed for your information and necessary action.

It is our impression that the Russian Foreign Office has given serious attention to our requests. However, the ground realities in Russia in terms of availability of relevant material in the Archives still lack clarity. The issue of visas for the accompanying deponents is also yet to be resolved.

A] It would be very useful to keep JMCI/MHA fully informed on the present objective position in Russia in regard to JMCI's requirements and expectations. This would enable JMCI to further plan their visit.

With best wishes,

*Divyabh*

**(Divyabh Manchanda)**  
**2nd September, 2005**

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**Embassy of India  
Moscow**

**Sub:- Preparations for the proposed visit of a delegation of  
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) -  
September 20-30, 2005.**

The Ministry has been regularly kept updated on the action taken by the Embassy on the various communications received from Joint Secretary (CNV) in this regard. Despite our repeated formal requests to the Russian MFA, we have not got much information from the Russian side in clear and complete terms. In order to emphasize the importance of timely responses, I earlier today met Mr. Yevgeny Sergiev, Head of India Desk, Second Asia Department in the Russian Foreign Office. Mr. Sergiev handed over a Non-paper on Russian position. Its English translation is enclosed. He additionally mentioned the following :-

- i) As per Russian regulations, JMCI may not be allowed access to classified Archives anywhere in Russia. JMCI may be given access only to open documents available in the reading halls in the Archives. He said that he had informally explored with various Russian organisations/agencies if there was any relevant information on Netaji Bose in the open Archives (reading halls). He shared that he did not get an encouraging response. (Enclosed Non-paper gives position on classified Archives).

In the above background, the request mentioned in JS(CNV)'s message of August 31, 2005 for the Mission "to confirm whether relevant records are available in the Russian Archives" can not at all be answered emphatically.

- ii) Visas for Justice Mukherjee and his PS Shri Panja have been cleared by the Russian Foreign Office. The Russian MFA is still to take a view on visas for the accompanying seven deponents. Mr. Sergiev said that even though the Embassy has made a formal request for visas to deponents, the Russian MFA has to process this request on the basis of their own regulations and procedures. (He could not give a clear indication as to when a final decision would be available. We are following it up.)
- iii) The Russian MFA has requested the concerned Archives for contact persons (in Archives) to enable the Embassy to directly approach the Archives to fix date/time of JMCI's visit



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to the reading halls. He hoped that this information would be available by the end of next week.

**The present status of the various aspects of the visit is as follows :-**

- i) **Visas** : MFA has cleared visa requests in respect of Justice M.K. Mukherjee and his PS, Shri Panja and the clearance (No. 79690 dated August 18, 2005) has already been conveyed to JS(CNV). They may approach the Russian Embassy in Delhi well in advance.

There is no decision yet on visas for seven deponents. It is being closely pursued with the Russian MFA. The Russian side has so far not given any assurance.

- ii) **Hotel accommodation** : The Embassy in Moscow and our Consulate in St. Petersburg would be making arrangements for Justice Mukherjee and his PS Shri Panja on the basis of relevant GOI Sanction. The Embassy would also make accommodation arrangements for them in Irkutsk and Omsk.

As regards hotel for deponents, suggested hotels in Moscow and St. Petersburg are given below :-

Moscow -

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|---|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| - | Hotel Akademicheskaya | - | Roubles 3150<br>(US \$ 110 approx.) |
| - | Hotel Ukraina         | - | US \$ 135                           |

St. Petersburg -

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| - | Hotel Pulkovskaya | - | US \$ 80 |
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*[These are cheap hotels and are being recommended also taking into account factors such as location and security. Deponents would need to make direct payments to the hotel].*

*Deponents are required to urgently confirm to the Embassy (through MEA) if we could make tentative bookings on their behalf. Availability of reasonable hotel accommodation in September may*



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not always be easy. Urgent confirmation is therefore much emphasized.

Approximate rates of hotel accommodation in other cities have already been communicated to JS(CNV) vide our fax dated August 12, 2005, alongwith rates for various logistical services that would need to be hired by JMCI.

iii) **Availability of witnesses** : JMCI has desired to meet the following five witness :

- a) Mr. E.N. Komorov : He is available in Moscow and ready to meet JMCI on September 21, 2005.
- b) Mr. A. Kolesnikov : We have not been able to contact him.
- c) Prof. A.V. Raikov : He is in Lipetsk – a city far away from Moscow. He has agreed, in principle, to meet JMCI in Moscow on September 20-21, 2005.
- d) Mr. U.L. Kuznets : Despite repeated attempts we have not been able to establish contact with him.
- e) Mr. A.V. Turadzeve : He is in Moscow and is prepared, in principle, to meet JMCI on September 21, 2005.

iv) **Meeting at the Institute of Oriental Studies (IOS)** : IOS has confirmed to organize a meeting for JMCI with a group of Russian historians on September 21, 2005 at the Institute. IOS has also confirmed that JMCI would have access to materials of the private Archives of Prof. Eva Ya. Luisternik available at the Institute.

v) **Published material** : Prof. R.B. Rybakov, Director of the Institute of Oriental Studies had in July 2003 mentioned about some works that had been published or were being prepared for publication. We have tried to locate these publications in local bookshops and libraries, but without success. Even Prof. Rybakov of Institute of Oriental Studies has so far not been able to confirm availability of these publications.



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- vi) **Meeting in St. Petersburg** : Our Consul General in St. Petersburg, vide his fax dated August 18, 2005 had confirmed that there is no meeting possible for JMCI in St. Petersburg.
- vii) **Publication of Notice** : JS(CNV) had, on August 31, 2005, forwarded a Notice to be published in leading Russian dailies (both in English and Russian). The Embassy is taking necessary action to publish it in the coming days.

We may convey this comprehensive status report to JS(CNV) with the request that it may be suitably shared with JMCI.



(Virander Paul)  
Counsellor (Pol)  
September 2, 2005

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The Indian side has been for a long time requesting to get access to information in Russia regarding the facts of disappearance of political figure of India Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

The Russian side more than once confirmed its consent to give JMCI team access to the documents, which are open to public in the Federal and State Archives of the Subjects of the Russian Federation as well as at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Science. (see MFA Note No. 4557/2DA of 18/07/2005).

There is no possibility to comply with a request of the Indian side regarding access to classified archives. According to the Russian legislation (Archive Law of 2004) without any exception only a strictly-defined category of officials are allowed to work with the classified documents. It concerns not only representatives of foreign countries representatives but also Russian citizens.

Based on friendly relations between Russia and India and taking into account the importance of the subject for the Indian side, the Russian competent Authorities conducted a detailed study of the materials for the period from 1940s to the middle of 1950s and found a number of documents, in which the name of S.C.Bose was mentioned. All these copies had been handed over to the Indian side (in particular, a 46 page document, found in FSB's Archives in 2004.)

There is no more information regarding S. C. Bose available in the classified archives of the Russian Federation.

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This is in continuation of DCM's fax message dated September 2, 2005 conveying the status of arrangements for the proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) delegation to Russia from September 20-30, 2005. This is to inform that the Russian MFA has still not given their decision on visas to the eight deponents who also propose to visit Russia for JMCI related work.

Done | We have also not received any advice for making hotel reservations for the eight deponents for which they would make payment directly to the hotel. (Rates of some cheap hotels has separately been conveyed to MEA). As informed earlier, it is once again emphasized that availability of hotel accommodation in Moscow in September is always a big problem. This is because of the fact that a number of international events are held in Moscow during this period and hotel bookings are made much in advance.

Hotel accommodation for Justice M.K. Mukherjee and his PS Shri Panja have however already been booked.

With kind regards,

*Virander Paul*  
(Virander Paul)  
Counsellor (Pol)  
September 8, 2005

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Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Security Division

Fax 033 22522765

New Delhi, dated 12-9-2005.

OFFICE ORDER

Subject: Visit of Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman and Shri N.K. Panja, Principal Private Secretary, JMCI to Russian Federation from 18.9.05 to 1.10.05.

Sanction of the Competent Authority is hereby accorded to the deputation of Justice M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman and Shri N.K. Panja, Principal Private Secretary, JMCI to visit Russian Federation for the purpose of holding its inquiry there.

2. The deputation will be from 18.9.2005 to 1.10.2005 (including journey time). The period of deputation will be as on duty.

3. Chairman and Principal Private Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry have been sanctioned the following during their tour abroad:-

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| a) | Pay & Allowances:   | The pay and allowances will be drawn as usual in Rupees in India.   |
| b) | Air fare (Tickets to be purchased from Air India)                                       | Chairman-First Class<br>P.P.S - Economy Class   |
| c) | Airport Tax & Visa fees:  | As per actual to each.  |
| d) | Cash Allowances:  | US \$ 787.50 to each.   |
| e) | Inter-city transport. including domestic air travel. Hotel and other misc. arrangement. | To be arranged by Indian High Commission and the expenditure to be incurred thereon would be reimbursed from the Budget grant of J.M.C.I. |
| f) | Contingencies @ Rs.200/- per day for 10 days subject to actual stay.                    | Rs.2800/- to Chairman only.   |

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4. Other entitlements will be as laid down in the Ministry of Finance O.M.No.19036/7/83-I.E.IV dated 7.11.84 as amended from time to time.
5. Sanction is also accorded for drawal of advance of cash allowance as admissible to Chairman, P.P.S, Commission of Inquiry.
6. The expenditure will be met from the sanctioned budget Grant of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry during the year 2005-2006.
7. Sanction order is issued with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance vide their Dy. No.5773 dated 7-9-2005 an MHA's I.F.D. Dy. No. 1141/Fin.I/05 dt. 26-8-2005

(M.M. CHOPRA)  
DEPUTY SECRETARY(S)

No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(D-III)/NCB-II. Dated the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2005

1. Accounts Officer, Regional Pay & Accounts Office(CISF,Ministry of Home Affairs,15/1,Chowringhee Square,4<sup>th</sup> Floor,Kolkata-700069
2. Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block (Third Floor), 11/A,Mirza Ghalib Street , Kolkata-700087.
3. Shri N.K. Panja, P.P.S., Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, B Block (3<sup>rd</sup> floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib St., Kolkata-700087.
4. Shri M. Roy, Secretary,Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B'Block (Third Floor), 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087.
5. Shri L.D. Ralte, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs. South Block, New Delhi with the request that Indian Embassy (Russia) may be advised to extend all type of assistance and cooperation to the delegation to avoid any inconvenience to them.
6. Cash-I /Cash-II Section. MHA, New Delhi.
7. Finance-I Desk. MHA, New Delhi.
8. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure(E-IV), North Block, New Delhi. Embassy of India, Singapore.
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7. Sanction order is issued with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance vide their Dy. No.5773 dated 7-9-2005 an MHA's I.F.D. Dy. No. 1141/Fin.I/05 dt. 26-8-2005

  
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- ✓ 5. Shri L.D. Ralte, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi with the request that Indian Embassy (Russia) may be advised to extend all type of assistance and cooperation to the delegation to avoid any inconvenience to them.
6. Cash-I/Cash-II Section, MHA, New Delhi.
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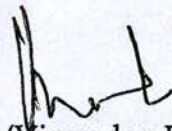
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With kind regards,

  
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"Marauders are quitting the game".  
Published in 1992 by "Interprakt", Moscow

Unofficial translation.

"Matsotta" is obtaining Soviet visa.

Instructions were really complicated. It was necessary to send Subhas Chandra Bose to Germany. He was wanted by Britain secret service, colonial Administration and local police throughout India. Bose was staunch and irreconcilable adversary of Great Britain and may be the most dangerous one at that time.

In contrast to Indian National Congress, Bose and his activists basically counted on armed struggle and open cooperation <sup>with?</sup> against enemies of England - Germany, Italy and Japan. Bose dreamed about freedom for India through crushing defeat of Britain. Bose could not do it himself, so he linked activity of his troops and groups with assault of Germany on India from the West, and Japan from the East. The aim of Bose was to expedite the assault in all possible ways and reinforce it from inside by subversive Anti-English activity in India and if possible, to attached nature of mass anti-British revolt. However, at that time, not all people considered his activity as "subversive". Fascism was not so popular in India at that time, but racism and violence were condemned everywhere. A lot of Indians were satisfied with telling blows, delivered hateful center of empire by axis countries, in particular, against the background of British demonstrative non-recognition of Indian rights for self-determination. J. Nehru wrote about this period: How can we conciliate two basic directions of our policy - opposition to British imperialism and opposition to fascism and nazism? How can we adjust our nationalism with our internationalism? That was a difficult question for us, taking in view current situation. However, this question would not be difficult, if the British Government take a step to show us its refusal from imperialistic policy in India and rely on people's good will."

But it did not happen. Indian public reacted accordingly. Describing the psychological atmosphere in the country that time, Jawaharlal Nehru wrote: "People were pushing out not by patriotic feelings, but by their willingness to save themselves from an offense and the worst".

So, S. Bose did not have any mass support, but he could use the mood of majority for his own purposes. Nehru wrote about it the following: "Protection of the imperialism, which we were fighting with for such a long time, seemed to be non-sense and impossible to us."



Of course, Bose made his main counting on the military defeat of England, at the time when Hitler's Germany had been already at the war with it and Japan was still neutral. So, Bose was interested in Berlin. When Japan occupied Burma and came close to the India's borders, Bose reoriented to the Far East.

In spring 1941 his ways crossed with Bhagat Ram. Bose decided to shift from India to Berlin, because some of his friends and relatives were arrested in India and he, by himself also was wanted. He needed Hitler's support, including financial one. Ports were under police control and departure through one of them was very risky. Bose took another way and in February came to Kabul. He was accompanied by Bhagat Ram, who was not a member of Bose's organization, he did not like axis-members but he was posted as Bose's escort by his party "Kirti Kissan" because of his knowledge of Phushtun zone which they had to cross as well as Afghanistan and Kabul. He also had his own flat in Kabul - the premises which belonged to Ultam Chang and his shop. It was supposed that Ram was doing a favour to Bose only due to their common aim - to weak British positions in India at most.

Ram fulfilled his task. Bose settled down in Kabul and started to make arrangements for the next step of his journey. During war time, he could come to Germany only through the territory of USSR. For this purpose he required a passport, which he did not have. German Embassy applied to the Italian one. Italians considered the German request positively. Bose got passport in respect of Italian citizen Mazzotta. Holding this passport Bose applied to the Soviet Embassy for transit visa, crossed the USSR territory and came to Berlin.

Mazzotta disappeared. But German Consulate General drew attention to Bhagat Ram, who was introduced as a powerful Indian activist in Afghanistan and India with anti-British orientation. It was of interest and he was suggested to work for the German Secret Service. German resident was satisfied with Ram's past, his contacts and mood, especially because he was concerned about difficulties of the anti-British activities in India, shortage of agents and information as well as conspiratorial bases in India. Bose's recommendation also helped. Ram was thinking : it would be important for me and my party to establish contacts with enemies of their enemies.

Offer on co-operation was accepted. Ram left German Consulate having 100 000 Indian Rupees in his pocket, 12 guns and bullets. Money and arms were required by the people whom Ram would be recruiting in India. Since May 1941 after the German finished their checking Ram had become the main agent of the German Secret Service in India.





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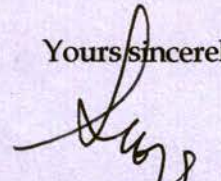
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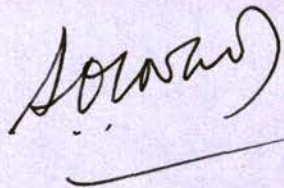
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Kindly refer to the visit of JMCI team later this month, accompanied by eight deponents. You had yesterday informed that visa clearance for all deponents had been received by the Russian Embassy in Delhi except in respect of Mr. D.N. Bose and Ms. Roma Banerjee. We had followed it up with the Russian MFA who have confirmed that visa clearance for these two deponents had been sent by them to the Russian Embassy in Delhi yesterday itself.

Most grateful if JMCI may accordingly be advised so that all deponents may timely obtain their visas.

*Covered to you with kind regards.*  
*Shrey*  
*S. Kumar*  
*16/9*  
*SM*

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Vide our fax of September 12, 2005, we had informed about a brochure published by Mr. Yuri Kuznets in 1992 containing some references to Netaji Bose. Enclosed is English translation (done at Embassy) of the relevant extracts. This may please be suitably shared with JMCI. Mr. Kuznets maintains that he would not like to meet JMCI as he has nothing to convey to JMCI on the subject of the Inquiry.

*Atk hand signed*



**(Virander Paul)**  
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**September 15, 2005**



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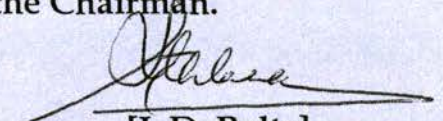
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Kindly refer to your fax message No. 25/4/NGO.Vol.XV dated September 9, 2005 regarding JMCI's visit to Russia later this month.

Details of three of the five witnesses proposed to be examined by JMCI have already been conveyed to you. Of the remaining two, we have established contact with Mr. Yuri Kuznets in the Finance Academy (Moscow). In response to our letter requesting him to meet JMCI in Moscow, Mr. Kuznets rang us up on September 9, 2005 to inform that he was not willing to meet the JMCI team because he felt he had nothing concrete to convey or contribute on the scope of the Inquiry. He added that he had published a brochure in 1992 about some events in Afghanistan during the World War - II period in which he had mentioned about Netaji's travel through Afghanistan in 1940. He said, "what happened later, he did not know". This input may please be appropriately shared with JMCI.

Mr. Alexander Kolesnikov, Former Major in Warsaw Pact, is yet not contactable. The Institute of Oriental Studies is not fully aware of his whereabouts. We have also requested the Russian Foreign Office to confirm if he is currently working as a Russian diplomat abroad. We would keep the Ministry updated.

W-H Lind yank,

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**September 12, 2005**

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3.	Mr. Subrata Bose, M.P.	25.02.1932, Kolkatta	D-1014414 (Diplomatic)	10.06.2004 New Delhi
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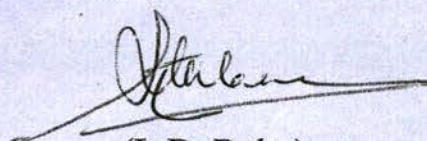
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*Warm regards,*



(L.D. Ralte)  
Joint Secretary(CNV)

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This is in continuation of DCM's fax message dated September 2, 2005 conveying the status of arrangements for the proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) delegation to Russia from September 20-30, 2005. This is to inform that the Russian MFA has still not given their decision on visas to the eight deponents who also propose to visit Russia for JMCI related work.

We have also not received any advice for making hotel reservations for the eight deponents for which they would make payment directly to the hotel. (Rates of some cheap hotels has separately been conveyed to MEA). As informed earlier, it is once again emphasized that availability of hotel accommodation in Moscow in September is always a big problem. This is because of the fact that a number of international events are held in Moscow during this period and hotel bookings are made much in advance.

Hotel accommodation for Justice M.K. Mukherjee and his PS Shri Panja have however already been booked.

With kind regards,

Pl. connect me to Sh. Roy Jones  
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*Virander Paul*  
(Virander Paul)  
Counsellor (Pol)  
September 8, 2005

PS spoke

1. He will contact deponents and get back
2. Our note to Eurasia Div? 9/9

SE MM *SOLO*

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY  
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF  
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No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/124. Kolkata, dated, 7.09.05.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),  
Secretary

To : The Joint Secretary (Security)  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Government of India  
North Block,  
New Delhi-110001.

Sub : Visit of the Commission to Russian  
Federation for the purpose of holding  
its inquiry there.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/104 dated 18.08.05 in regard to the above subject and to request you to kindly convey to the Commission as expeditiously as possible necessary sanction of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India for the tour of the Commission to Russian Federation as also for the expenditure to be incurred for undertaking the tour.

I am also directed to state that as per programme contained in the Commission's letter no. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/105 dated August 18, 2005, addressed to the Joint Secretary (CNV), a copy of which was endorsed to the Joint Secretary (Security), Govt. of India, the Hon'ble Chairman and the Principal Private Secretary are required to start from Kolkata for Delhi by air by 18.9.05 to collect the visas from the Russian Embassy in Delhi on 19.9.05 and to avail of the Delhi - Moscow (AIR India/Aeroflot) flight on 20.9.2005 and hence their tickets have been booked in anticipation of necessary approval of the Govt of India.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
( M. Roy )  
Secretary

12/9/05  
No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/124/1(1). Dt. 7.09.05.

Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary (CNV), MEA, Govt. of India for his kind information and favour of taking necessary action so that the relevant archival documents as also the relevant witnesses are made available to the Commission at the time of its visit to Russian Federation.

( M. Roy )  
Secretary



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Government of India  
Ministry of External Affairs  
(Co-ordination Section)

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No.AA/122/18/2005

Dated: 02/9/2005

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Visit of Shri Justice M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman (JMCI) and Shri N.K. Panja, PPS to Russia from 18 September, 2005 (for 14 days)

This has reference to letter no. /note No. 1/12014/6/2001-15(D.II) dated 25/8/05 on the above mentioned subject. NCB-11

2. This Ministry has no objection from political angle to the visit of Shri Justice M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman (JMCI) and Shri N.K. Panja, PPS to Russia from 18 September, 05 (for 14 days) as mentioned in the aforesaid communication.

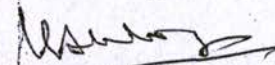
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- (iv) Adequate funds should be carried by the delegation for meeting expenditure on entertainment, etc. or a copy of financial sanction issued by a competent authority should be carried along in case of official visits.

Shri M M Chopra,  
Dy Secretary,  
MHA New Delhi

  
( Chet Ram Ahloyan )  
Under Secretary (Co-ordination)  
Tele No. 2301 3902

Copy for information to Shri S. Bhushan, Section Officer (EC),  
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MOST IMMEDIATEMinistry of External Affairs  
(NGO Section)

No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XV

2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2005.OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Home Affairs' letter No.1/12014/6/2001-NCB.II dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2005 regarding the visit of Justice Mukerjee Commission of Inquiry to Russia and to convey that the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has granted permission to the Commission to visit Russia and inspect relevant available records in Federal and Government Archives in Russia. Information regarding availability of relevant records and witnesses during the visit of JMCI is still awaited from Embassy of India, Moscow which will be conveyed to MHA on its receipt..

*[Signature]*  
(R.K. Verma)  
Section Officer(NGO)

Shri S.K. Goswamy,  
Under Secretary (NCB),  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
New Delhi.

*Perhaps HM is leaving on tour on Sat (3/9/05).  
Sr Goswamy, US called today to convey  
that our response is urgently required (today itself) have  
O.M. issued to them may like to see for information, P.T.*

*JS (CNV) - D.A.*

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Ministry of Home Affairs  
Security Division  
NCB-II

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**Subject:** Visit of the Commission to Russian Federation for the purpose of holding its inquiry there – Political clearance reg.

Reference this Ministry's U.O of even No. dated 25.8.05 on the subject cited above.

It is requested that political clearance for the visit of Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, JMCI and Shri N.K. Panja, Principal Private Secretary JMCI may kindly be expedited to this Ministry urgently.

*S.K. Goswami*

(S.K. GOSWAMI)  
UNDER SECRETARY

Ministry of External Affairs, Shri L.D. Ralte, Joint Secretary (CNV), South Block, New Delhi

MHA U.O.No. No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(D.III)/NCB-II dt.7.9.05

Here we not given consent of Encl. Div.?

*Southern*

Original copy of Political Clearance has been taken today from Coordination Division after 3 reminders to them. It issue it now by fax.

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FROM : JMCI KOLKATA

FAX NO. : 0332252 2765

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**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

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No JMCI/ OVERSEAS-WITNESSES/2000-01/70(IV)/113

August 26, 2005

From **M Roy, IAS (Retd.)**  
Secretary

To

Shri L. D. Ralte,  
Joint Secretary (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi 110001.

Sir,

In continuation of the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/105 dated August 18, 2005 I am directed to send herewith a Notice regarding the Commission's impending visit to Russian Federation with the request to kindly verify the correctness of the address, etc. of the Indian Embassy in Moscow as noted in the said Notice and to take necessary action for publication of the Notice and its Russian version in a leading daily in English and Russian respectively as quickly as possible. I am further directed to request you that corrections, if any. of the said contact details of the Indian Embassy in Moscow may kindly be done at your end before publication of the Notice and the cost of said publication may kindly be initially borne by the Indian Embassy in Moscow pending adjustment thereof against the fund allotted in favour of the Commission by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India as was done earlier.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)  
Secretary

Encl. As stated

4/9 No. JMCI/ OVERSEAS-WITNESSES/2000-01/70(IV)/113/1(1) August 26, 2005

Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary (Security), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi - 110 001 for his kind information and favour of taking necessary action.

(M. Roy)  
Secretary

Recd today  
from 25 (CNV).  
If keep in file.

for MH



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Dated : August 26, 2005

**NOTICE**

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has been set up by the Government of India with the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Monoj Kumar Mukherjee, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India, as its Chairman to inquire into the facts and circumstances related to the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including the following matters :-

- (a) Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (b) If he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (c) Whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- (d) Whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- (e) If he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

The materials in the possession of the Commission till now tend to make it appear to the Commission that evidence relevant to the points of inquiry is likely to be available in the Russian Federation. To explore the possibility of getting such evidence the Commission proposes to visit Moscow, Padolsk, St. Petersburg, Irkutsk, and Omsk of the Russian Federation.

Any individual, group of persons, associations, institutions or organisations acquainted with or having knowledge, directly or indirectly, of the facts and circumstances relating to the aforesaid matters referred to the Commission for Inquiry and having interest in the proceedings before the Commission or wishing to assist the Commission in making the inquiry into the matters as mentioned above may contact the Embassy of the Republic of India, Moscow, 6-8, Vorontsovo Polye St., Moscow 109840, Russian Federation, Tel (095) 917 4044, Tel Fax (095) 917 4209, E-mail < India @online.ru > www.indianembassy.ru or the Commission at contact details given above.

By Order

(M. Roy)

Secretary



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**FAX**

<b>To : JS (CNV) MEA, New Delhi</b>	<b>From: Divyabh Manchanda DCM Indembassy Moscow</b>
<b>Rpt: CGI, St. Petersburg</b>	<b>Fax : 7-095-975 2337</b>
<b>Internal distribution: Amb/C(Pol)</b>	

Reference your message No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIV dated July 4, 2005 regarding the proposed visit of JMCI team to Russia. Annexures cited as enclosed in the message have not been received, which may please be urgently faxed. As conveyed by Counsellor (Political) in his message of June 30, 2005, the Russian MFA has still not reverted with clear response if Russian Archives have relevant material available for access by JMCI team.

Please urgently emphasize to the JMCI team that it would not be a productive exercise to have this visit in July/ August, 2005, as Russian offices/institutions work on the basic minimum/skeletal strength of officials. With a view to avoid any disappointment and inconvenience to JMCI team, it is Mission's considered suggestion that the proposed visit could be explored at a later date, with sufficient advance notice to the Russian institutions/scholars with whom JMCI team would like to interact as part of the investigation.

*With best wishes,*

*Already conveyed*  
*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*  
**(Divyabh Manchanda)  
Deputy Chief of Mission  
5th July, 2005**



2005/JS(CNV)/05  
7.7.05

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No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/74

July 4, 2005

From : **Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)**  
Secretary

To  
Joint Secretary(CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi- 110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/58 dated 14.06.2005 and to request you to kindly make it convenient to take necessary action and send immediately the particulars / documents / reports / confirmation called for in the said letter of the Commission as also to take into consideration the information furnished in the letter dated 01.07.2005 (copy enclosed) of Dr. Purabi Roy, a deponent of the Commission who has come back to India from Russian Federation recently, if those are considered to be useful in the matter.

I am also directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/61 dated June 17, 2005 and to request you to kindly arrange to propose a detailed programme keeping in view the provisional programme of the Commission (for its visit to the Russian Federation for holding its inquiry including perusal of relevant archival documents, examination of relevant witnesses etc.) as also the parameters laid down in its letter dated June 17, 2005 to enable the Commission to finalize its detailed programme for inquiry in Russian Federation and send the same to the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India



for necessary approval, financial sanction and political clearance at least one month before the commencement of the said tour which is essentially required to be completed at least two months ahead of 14.11.2005, the deadline fixed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for submission of the report of the Commission.

In this connection, I am further directed to request you to kindly recall that pursuant to the statements (supported by affidavits) made by some deponents of the Commission, depositions given by some witnesses examined by the Commission as also records made available to the Commission, it had been corresponding with the Government of India through letters and personal meetings of the Secretary and the Hon'ble Chairman with the appropriate authorities of the Government of India. The first of such letters of the Commission is the letter bearing No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/503 dated 06.02.2001 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The first response received from the said Ministry was on April 27, 2001 and their last response in the matter given in the last year was on September 8, 2004. Though the visit of the Commission to Russian Federation did not materialize in 2004 for reasons stated in the Commission's d.o. letters No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/197 dated September 13, 2004 and No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/292 dated November 23, 2004 addressed to the Director (CNV) and the Joint Secretary (CNV) respectively of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, it is presumed by the Commission that the spade works done by the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India and the Indian Embassy in Moscow during the period from April, 2001 to November, 2004 would be considerably useful in making necessary arrangements to facilitate the proposed inquiry of the Commission in Russian Federation.

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)  
Secretary

Eclno : As stated above



No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/74/1(1)

July 4, 2005

Copy with a copy of the enclosure is forwarded to the Joint Secretary (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for information and favour of taking necessary action.

(M. Roy)  
Secretary



1st July, 2005.

To

The secretary,  
J.M.C.I.,  
Kolkata

Dear Sir,

In course of my conversation with the secretary, Mr. M. Roy, I came to know that till now the government of India could not locate Mr. A. Kolesnikov, Prof., Department of Turkey and Central Asia, who was mentioned in my affidavit, exhibit 212. To my knowledge he belongs to the Oriental Department of St. Petersburg University, St. Petersburg, Russia. At the present moment, he is in lieu serving Russian diplomatic mission in one of the Central Asian Republics. I presume the present Consul General of Indian Consulate in St. Petersburg Mr. A. Sharma will be able to locate him. Further, if Commission is planning to visit Russia in the month of August, the time is not suitable because during August month all the archives in Russia are officially closed.

This is for your information and appropriate action.

With sincere regards,

*Purabi Roy*  
(Purabi Roy)



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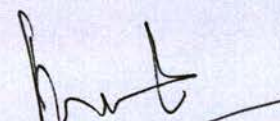
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<b>To : JS (CNV)</b> <b>MEA, New Delhi</b>	<b>From: Virander Paul</b> <b>Counsellor (Pol)</b> <b>Indembassy Moscow</b>
<b>Fax : 91-11-23792285</b>	<b>Fax: 7-095-9170077, 9752337</b>
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Please refer to your fax message No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIV dated June 6, 2005 informing about the proposed visit of a "Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry" (JMCI) team to Russia in the second half of July 2005. The list of Archives sent to us vide your above message has already been forwarded to the Russian Foreign Office to ascertain if documents/ materials on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose relevant to the inquiry of the Commission are available in the listed Archives. The matter is being followed up and the Russian MFA has been specifically requested for an expeditious reply. We will keep the Ministry posted on the response of the Russian side.

With regards,

  
**(Virander Paul)**  
**Counsellor (Pol)**  
**June 20, 2005**



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No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(IV)/75.

Kolkata, dated, 4.7.05.

From : The Secretary, JMCI

To : The Joint Secretary,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi-110001.

Sub : Proposed DNA test on the alleged  
ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose  
kept in the Renkoji Temple in  
Japan - the required consent of the  
Head Priest/Temple Authorities in  
the matter.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the correspondence on the  
above subject referred to in the Commission's letter no.  
JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(IV)/33 dated 20.5.05 addressed to the  
Jt. Secretary, MEA, Govt. of India and to request you to  
kindly persuade the Head Priest or the Competent Authorities  
of the Renkoji Temple to give their consent to selection  
of potentially less charred bones from the casket, kept  
in the temple containing alleged mortal remains/ashes of  
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, for the purpose of proposed  
DNA test thereof, as is being solicited from the said  
Temple Authorities through the MEA, Govt. of India by the  
Commission.

Yours faithfully,

( M. Roy )  
Secretary

No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(IV)/75(1) Dated 4.7.05.

Copy forwarded to the Jt. Secretary, Ministry of  
of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi-  
110001 for kind information and favour of taking  
necessary action.

( M. Roy )  
Secretary

It is with JS (CNV).  
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No AA/122/18/2005

Dated:

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Visit of Shri Justice M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman (JMCI) and Shri N.K. Panja, PPS to Russia from 18 September, 2005 (for 14 days)

This has reference to letter no. /note No. 1120 dated 25/8/05 on the above mentioned subject.

2. This Ministry has no objection from political angle to the visit of Shri Justice M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman and Shri N.K. Panja, PPS to Russia from 18 September (for 14 days) as mentioned in the aforesaid communication.

3. It is recommended that the following guidelines are observed for official visits abroad:

- (i) The delegation/visitor is requested to keep the Indian Mission/Post informed of the programme and the outcome of the visit;
- (ii) A member of the Mission/Post should be included for the formal meetings with foreign authorities. Where a delegation is led by a Minister or Secretary, the Head of the Mission/Post should invariably be shown as a member of the delegation. Where applicable, the leader of the delegation



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No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/122

September 1, 2005

From : **Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)**  
Secretary

To  
Joint Secretary (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi- 110001.

*I think we have  
sent their names to Moscow  
R. Singh.*

*check & put up  
a short conveying the  
names of joint witnesses*

Sub : Visit of the Commission to the Russian Federation for the purpose of holding its inquiry there.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/101 dated August 9, 2005 and to state that the following witnesses in Russian Federation, as mentioned specifically in Commission's d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/93 dated June 28, 2004 to which your kind attention was drawn also in Commission's aforesaid letter dated August 9, 2005, may kindly be made available to the Commission for their examination by it during its impending visit to the Russian Federation :

1. Mr. E.N. Komorov  
Sr. Research Professor,  
Institute of Oriental Studies,  
Academy of Sciences, Moscow.
2. Mr. A. Kolesnikov  
A former Major of the Warsaw Pact  
Head of the archival studies,  
Institute of Oriental Studies,  
Academy of Science, Moscow.
3. Mr. A. V. Raikov  
Professor,  
Lipetsk State Teachers' Training University,  
Russia



4. Mr. U. L. Kuznets  
Finance Academy,  
Lenin Gradskii, Schosse House 49,  
Room No. 392
5. Mr. A. V. Turadzeve  
Asst. Editor,  
Asia and Africa Today,  
Institute of Oriental Studies,  
Academy of Sciences, Moscow

I am also directed to request you to kindly keep the Commission informed of the programme for examination of relevant witnesses and that for interaction with relevant scholars of the Russian Federation who might be acquainted with or having knowledge, directly or indirectly, of the facts and circumstances relating to the terms of references of the Commission

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)  
Secretary

No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/122/1(1)

September 1, 2005

Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary (Security), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001 for his kind information and favour of taking necessary action.

(M. Roy)  
Secretary



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No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/124.

Kolkata, dated, 7.09.05.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),  
 Secretary

To : The Joint Secretary (Security)  
 Ministry of Home Affairs,  
 Government of India  
 North Block,  
 New Delhi-110001.

Sub Visit of the Commission to Russian  
 Federation for the purpose of holding  
its inquiry there.

*Have we given all our charges? Sep*  
*check & confirm that response of*  
*all the messages have been received.*  
 Sir,  
 I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/104 dated 18.08.05 in regard to the above subject and to request you to kindly convey to the Commission as expeditiously as possible necessary sanction of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India for the tour of the Commission to Russian Federation as also for the expenditure to be incurred for undertaking the tour.

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*8 MM*  
 I am also directed to state that as per programme contained in the Commission's letter no. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/105 dated August 18, 2005, addressed to the Joint Secretary (CNV), a copy of which was endorsed to the Joint Secretary (Security), Govt. of India, the Hon'ble Chairman and the Principal Private Secretary are required to start from Kolkata for Delhi by air by 18.9.05 to collect the visas from the Russian Embassy in Delhi on 19.9.05 and to avail of the Delhi - Moscow (AIR India/Aeroflot) flight on 20.9.2005 and hence their tickets have been booked in anticipation of necessary approval of the Govt of India.

Yours faithfully,

( M. Roy )  
 Secretary

No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/124/1(1). Dt. 7.09.05.

Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary (CNV), MEA, Govt. of India for his kind information and favour of taking necessary action so that the relevant archival documents as also the relevant witnesses are made available to the Commission at the time of its visit to Russian Federation.

( M. Roy )  
 Secretary



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6.9.05

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**FAX**

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<b>To : JS(CNV)</b> <b>MEA, New Delhi</b> <b>Fax No. 91-11-2379-2285</b>	<b>From: Virander Paul</b> <b>Counsellor (Pol)</b> <b>Indembassy Moscow</b>
<b>Rpt: JS(Eurasia)</b> <b>Fax No. 91-11-2301-1922</b>	<b>Tel: 7-095-2001239</b>
<b>Internal distribution: Amb/DCM/C(Pol)</b>	

Kindly refer to the proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to Russia from September 19-30, 2005. By way of your information and suitable advice by you to JMCI, given below is the present status :-

- i) **Travel plan** : City-wise travel itinerary is awaited from JMCI
- ii) **Visas** : Requests have been made to the Russian MFA for favour of issuance of visas by the Russian Embassy in Delhi. Pending passport details of two delegation members (Shri Subrata Bose, MP and Shri Nandalal Chakrabarti) may please be expedited.
- iii) **Access to Archives** : The present status is the same as conveyed vide our fax message dated July 22, 2005. Based on your fax of August 17, 2005 we have sought clarification from the Russian MFA whether Justice Mukherjee would be given access also to classified Archives. Response is awaited. We have also requested the Russian MFA to give us names of the contact persons in various Archives to enable direct interface between the Archives and the Embassy, response to which is also awaited.
- iv) **Interaction with Institute of Oriental Studies (Moscow)** : We have requested Institute Director Prof. Rybakov to arrange a meeting for the JMCI team with a group of Russian historians dealing with the subject. Prof. Rybakov is yet to respond. We are closely following it up. We have also requested the Institute of Oriental Studies to get JMCI team access to the private Archives of Eve. Ya. Luisternik, on which Prof. Rybakov's reply is awaited.
- v) **Meeting in St. Petersburg** : A copy of self-explanatory fax message from our Consul General in St. Petersburg is enclosed.

We will keep you updated on further developments. Ministry may kindly like to appropriately discuss the present status with JMCI and the Mission be urgently advised on any additional action that is required to be taken.

H. K. Paul

Virander Paul  
Counsellor (Pol)  
August 5, 2005



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**FAX MESSAGE**

Dt. : 18.08.2005

To : Indembassy, Moscow

**Dr. V. K. Paul, Counsellor (POL & HOC) from A.K. Sharma, CG**

This is with reference to your fax message No. AMB/DCM/C(Pol) of today regarding the visit of a delegation of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to St. Petersburg from September 24-25, 2005.

2 As far as their plan to consult documents, records etc. in archives is concerned, you are already following up the matter with Foreign Office in Moscow. However, there is no Russian expert available in St. Petersburg who may be aware of the subject and would be willing to meet the JMCI team. Dr. Purabi Roy had mentioned the name of Prof. Y.V. Vassilkov who has already denied any knowledge on the subject and has said that he will not be able to help the JMCI team in any manner. The only person who could have thrown some light on the subject was Prof. Y. V. Petchenko who had died last year.

*With best regards,*

No.: SPB/103/1/2001

  
(Ashok Kumar Sharma)



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**FAX**

<b>To : JS(CNV)</b> <b>MEA, New Delhi</b> <b>Fax No. 91-11-2379-2285</b>	<b>From: Virander Paul</b> <b>Counsellor (Pol)</b> <b>Indembassy Moscow</b>
<b>Rpt: JS(Eurasia)</b> <b>Fax No. 91-11-2301-1922</b>	<b>Tel: 7-095-2001239</b>


Kindly refer to your fax message No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.XIV dated August 4, 2005 regarding the proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to Russia from September 19-30, 2005.

Enclosed are some inputs on suggested itinerary (prepared on the basis of JMCI's proposals) in Russia alongwith expected expenditure. This could be suitably used to prepare the necessary GOI Sanction for the visit.

We have requested the Russian Foreign Office to advise the Russian Embassy in Delhi for visas be issued to the JMCI team. The Russian MFA has today conveyed that passports of the JMCI team should be presented to the Visa Section of the Russian Embassy in Delhi in the morning of September 18, 2005 and the visas would be issued the same day.

Kindly also send us additional information on various points raised by us in our message dated July 27, 2005.

With kind regards,

  
(Virander Paul)  
Counsellor (Pol)  
August 12, 2005



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**JMCI Visit to Russia**  
**{19-30 September, 2005}**

**Suggested order of travel:**

19.09.05	Arrival Moscow
20-23.09.05	Stay in Moscow (Padolsk is very close to Moscow and can be visited by car) <i>{A flight can be taken for St Petersburg in the evening of 23.09.05 from Moscow}</i>
24-25.09.05	Stay in St Petersburg <i>{A flight can be taken for Irkutsk in the evening of 25.09.05 from St Petersburg}</i>
26-27.09.05	Stay at Irkutsk <i>{A flight can be taken for Omsk in the evening of 27.09.05 from Irkutsk}</i>
28-29.09.05	Stay at Omsk <i>{A flight can be taken for Moscow in the morning of 30.09.05 from Omsk}</i>
30.09.05	Departure Moscow for India

**Hotel Accommodation Rates:**

**Moscow:**

'Radisson'	Single Room-269 USD, Junior Suite-359 USD
'Renaissance'	Single Room-180 USD, Executive Room-280 USD
'Baltchug'	Deluxe Room-225 EUR, Junior Suite-540 EUR

**St Petersburg:**

'Radisson'	Single Room-150 USD, Business Room- 220 USD, Junior Suite-300 USD
'Grand Europe'	Single Room-188 USD, Business Room- 208 USD, Junior Suite-273 USD
'Nevskij Palace'	Single Room-200 USD, Business Room- 270 USD, Junior Suite-400 USD

**At Irkutsk and Omsk hotels are being found. The approx. rates are 160 USD for a single room & 350 USD for a suite, if available.**

**Intercity Travel:** *Economy Class Air Travel per person*

Moscow-St Petersburg	Rbls 3,500
St Petersburg-Irkutsk	Rbls 10,000
Irkutsk-Omsk	Rbls 6,500
Omsk-Moscow	Rbls 8,500



1 USD= Rbls 28.5 Approx.

{Business Class Fare is approx. two times the economy fares.}

**Local Transport:**

At all the above places hiring of a car costs approx. 22 USD per hour.

**Professional Interpreter/Secretarial Charges:**

**Option A:** If the interpreter/secretary is hired in Moscow and asked to travel with JMCI delegation to all other cities: approx. 75 USD for a normal working day, besides the travel and hotel accommodation charges.

**Option B:** If JMCI decides to hire the services locally in all cities: approx. 75 USD for a normal working day. {In Moscow & St Petersburg it is easier to hire these services, whereas in Irkutsk & Omsk the Mission would need to make special efforts.}

*JMCI may indicate their preference.*

**Tape Recording Charges:**

It is not easy to hire tape recording services locally; instead JMCI may bring a tape-recorder with audio-cassettes from India or purchase it locally for approx. 200 USD.

**Video Recording/Still Photography Charges:**

Video recording costs approx. 70-100 USD for a normal working day. Similar rates for still photography.

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**FAX**

<b>To : Consul General St. Petersburg Fax No. 8-812-579-5088</b>	<b>From: Virander Paul Counsellor (Pol) Indembassy Moscow</b>
<b>Rpt: JS(CNV) Fax No. 91-11-2379-2285</b>	<b>Tel: 7-095-2001239</b>

The Ministry has informed that a delegation of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) is visiting Russia from September 19-30, 2005 in connection with inquiry into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

As per tentative plan, they will be visiting St. Petersburg from September 24-25, 2005 to consult documents, records, etc. relevant to the points of inquiry of the Commission which might be available in the official Archives at St. Petersburg. They would also like to meet experts/historians dealing with the subject in St. Petersburg. As regards Archives, we are following up the matter with the Foreign Office in Moscow. Most grateful for kindly advising on the availability of Russian experts (dealing with the subject) to meet the JMCI team.

With kind regards,



(Virander Paul)  
Counsellor (Pol)  
August 18, 2005



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**FAX**

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<b>To : JS(CNV)</b> <b>MEA, New Delhi</b> <b>Fax No. 91-11-2379-2285</b>	<b>From: Virander Paul</b> <b>Counsellor (Pol)</b> <b>Indembassy Moscow</b>
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Please refer to the proposed visit of a delegation led by Justice M.K. Mukherjee of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to Russia from September 19-30, 2005. As conveyed earlier, we have been closely following up our request of access to various Archives in Russia for the JMCI team. Today the Russian MFA rang up the Embassy to request that a note on the background and official status of JMCI may be urgently sent to them. This would help them to appropriately brief the various Archives. Most grateful if the above sought information may kindly be urgently sent to us.

*With kind regards,*



(Virander Paul)  
Counsellor (Pol)  
August 19, 2005





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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NORTH BLOCK, NEW DELHI-110001

D.O. No.I/12014/6/2001-NCB.II

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Rakesh,  
Joint Secretary (Security).

Dated: August 30, 2005.

Dear Shri Ralte,

Kindly refer to your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIV dated 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 addressed to Shri M. Roy, Secretary, JMCI, Kolkata, regarding the visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Russia.

2. In the above letter you intimated that the Mission in Moscow was requested to obtain the permission of Russian authorities, confirm the availability of relevant records and witnesses there during the Commission's visit to Russian Federation. I shall be grateful if you kindly confirm whether the permission of the Russian Authorities and availability of relevant records and witnesses there have since been obtained from our Mission in Moscow.

3. As the information is required in connection with the approval of the deputation of the Commission by the competent authority, the information may kindly be faxed (No. 23093008) immediately.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ralte

(Rakesh)

Shri L.D. Ralte,  
Joint Secretary (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
South Block, New Delhi.





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Dated: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

I have been directed to refer to your letter No.JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/113 dated 26<sup>th</sup> August 2005 regarding Commission's proposed visit to Russia from 19-30<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

2. The notice regarding Commission's visit to Russia has been forwarded to Embassy of India, Moscow for its publication in one English and one Russian daily in Russia.
3. The Embassy of India, Moscow has sent the details of preparations made by them in connection with the proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Russia. A copy of their fax message dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2005 is enclosed herewith.
4. We have been informed by Embassy of India, Moscow that visa clearance in respect of Justice M.K. Mukherjee and Shri N.K. Panja, PPS has been conveyed by Russian Foreign Office. Their clearance No. is 79690 dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2005. As regards visa to the 8 deponents the matter has been taken up with appropriate authorities for expediting the same.
5. Embassy of India, Moscow needs to be informed urgently of the hotel requirements of the deponents. We may be informed accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

  
(R.K. Verma)

Section Officer(NGO)

(Signed) with encl.  
6/9/05

Shri M. Roy,  
Secretary,  
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,  
'B' Block (Third Floor)), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,  
Kolkatta- 700087

Copy for information to Shri S.K. Goswami, Under Secretary(NCB),  
Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.



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Ministry of External Affairs  
(NGO Section)

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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) investigating into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, propose to visit Russia from 20<sup>th</sup> September 2005 to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005 to hold inquiry/hearing in Russia. The Ministry of Home Affairs are processing for issue of sanction of visit of JMCI to Russia.

2. The Russian Foreign Office has cleared the issue of visa to Justice M.K. Mukherjee and Shri N.K. Panja, his PPS. The Embassy of India, Moscow has also forwarded the request for issue of visa to eight deponents who wish to attend the inquiry/hearing in Russia at their own cost. However, visa clearance in respect of 8 deponents has not been received from the Russian authorities so far. The JMCI is completing its tenure on 14.11.2005 and would like to complete its inquiry in Russia before submitting final report to the Government.

3. Keeping in view the term of reference of Commission and its mandate we may request JS(Eurasia) to take up the matter with Russian Embassy in New Delhi so that visa to eight deponents can be issued as soon as possible.

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Grateful if you could inform the Russian Embassy that completion of the final mandate is politically sensitive and that it is very important that the deponents, as per attached list, accompany the Commission to the Russian Federation.

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**Passport Particulars of 08 JMCI Deponents**

(Visiting Russia from 19-30 September, 2005)

Name	Date/ Place of Birth	Passport No.	Date /Place of issue
Shri Subrata Bose MP	25.2.1932 Kolkata	<u>D-1014414</u> (Diplomatic)	<u>10.6.2004</u> <u>New Delhi</u>
Shri Keshab Bhattacharjee	4.1.1953, Kadamtala	<u>F-0135423</u>	<u>14.1.2005,</u> <u>Kolkata</u>
Dr.(Mrs.) Purabi Roy	12.7.1941 Calcutta	<u>A-8216707</u>	<u>22.10.1999,</u> <u>Calcutta</u>
Dr. Madhusudan Pal	21.12.1953, Midnapore	<u>E-1473130</u>	<u>9.4.2002,</u> <u>Kolkata</u>
Shri Manoranjan Ghosh	2.3.1934 Doulatabad	<u>E-1896544</u>	<u>6.6.2002,</u> <u>Kolkata</u>
Shri Nandalal Chakrabarti	4.12.1954, Kolkata	<u>E-5538811</u>	<u>17.11.2003</u> <u>Kolkata</u>
Mrs. Roma Banerjee	01.3.1948 Calcutta	<u>A-7656841</u>	<u>13.5.1999</u> <u>Calcutta</u>
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may also like to see F/A, F/B, F/C & F/D regarding political clearance note, visa clearance for two deponents, on conveying factual position to MHA (requested urgently for processing sanction of JMCI visit) and message to Moscow for publishing notice of JMCI visit respectively.

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<b>To : JS (CNV)</b> <b>MEA, New Delhi</b> <b>Fax No. 91-11-2379-2285</b>	<b>From: Divyabh Manchanda</b> <b>DCM</b> <b>Indembassy Moscow</b>
<b>Rpt: JS(Eurasia)</b> <b>Fax No. 91-11-2301-1922</b>	<b>Fax : 7-095-975 2337</b>
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The Mission has been in regular touch with CNV Division in connection with preparations for the visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to Russia from September 20-30, 2005. The Russian Foreign Office has been formally requested to make necessary substantive arrangements for this visit, particularly those relating to access to various Archives in Russia as well as to facilitate visas for the JMCI delegation. Counsellor (Political) today had a detailed meeting in the Foreign Office to overview the present status. A copy of his note is enclosed for your information and necessary action.

It is our impression that the Russian Foreign Office has given serious attention to our requests. However, the ground realities in Russia in terms of availability of relevant material in the Archives still lack clarity. The issue of visas for the accompanying deponents is also yet to be resolved.

It would be very useful to keep JMCI/MHA fully informed on the present objective position in Russia in regard to JMCI's requirements and expectations. This would enable JMCI to further plan their visit.

With best wishes,

*Divyabh*

(Divyabh Manchanda)  
2nd September, 2005

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**Embassy of India  
Moscow**

**Sub:- Preparations for the proposed visit of a delegation of  
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) –  
September 20-30, 2005.**

The Ministry has been regularly kept updated on the action taken by the Embassy on the various communications received from Joint Secretary (CNV) in this regard. Despite our repeated formal requests to the Russian MFA, we have not got much information from the Russian side in clear and complete terms. In order to emphasize the importance of timely responses, I earlier today met Mr. Yevgeny Sergiev, Head of India Desk, Second Asia Department in the Russian Foreign Office. Mr. Sergiev handed over a Non-paper on Russian position. Its English translation is enclosed. He additionally mentioned the following :-

- i) As per Russian regulations, JMCI may not be allowed access to classified Archives anywhere in Russia. JMCI may be given access only to open documents available in the reading halls in the Archives. He said that he had informally explored with various Russian organisations/agencies if there was any relevant information on Netaji Bose in the open Archives (reading halls). He shared that he did not get an encouraging response. (Enclosed Non-paper gives position on classified Archives).

In the above background, the request mentioned in JS(CNV)'s message of August 31, 2005 for the Mission "to confirm whether relevant records are available in the Russian Archives" can not at all be answered emphatically.

- ii) Visas for Justice Mukherjee and his PS Shri Panja have been cleared by the Russian Foreign Office. The Russian MFA is still to take a view on visas for the accompanying seven deponents. Mr. Sergiev said that even though the Embassy has made a formal request for visas to deponents, the Russian MFA has to process this request on the basis of their own regulations and procedures. (He could not give a clear indication as to when a final decision would be available. We are following it up.)
- iii) The Russian MFA has requested the concerned Archives for contact persons (in Archives) to enable the Embassy to directly approach the Archives to fix date/time of JMCI's visit



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to the reading halls. He hoped that this information would be available by the end of next week.

**The present status of the various aspects of the visit is as follows :-**

- i) **Visas** : MFA has cleared visa requests in respect of Justice M.K. Mukherjee and his PS, Shri Panja and the clearance (No. 79690 dated August 18, 2005) has already been conveyed to JS(CNV). They may approach the Russian Embassy in Delhi well in advance.

There is no decision yet on visas for seven deponents. It is being closely pursued with the Russian MFA. The Russian side has so far not given any assurance.

- ii) **Hotel accommodation** : The Embassy in Moscow and our Consulate in St. Petersburg would be making arrangements for Justice Mukherjee and his PS Shri Panja on the basis of relevant GOI Sanction. The Embassy would also make accommodation arrangements for them in Irkutsk and Omsk.

As regards hotel for deponents, suggested hotels in Moscow and St. Petersburg are given below :-

**Moscow -**

- |   |                       |   |                                     |
|---|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| - | Hotel Akademicheskaya | - | Roubles 3150<br>(US \$ 110 approx.) |
| - | Hotel Ukraina         | - | US \$ 135                           |

**St. Petersburg -**

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| - | Hotel Pulkovskaya | - | US \$ 80 |
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*[These are cheap hotels and are being recommended also taking into account factors such as location and security. Deponents would need to make direct payments to the hotel].*

*Deponents are required to urgently confirm to the Embassy (through MEA) if we could make tentative bookings on their behalf. Availability of reasonable hotel accommodation in September may*



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*not always be easy. Urgent confirmation is therefore much emphasized.*

*Approximate rates of hotel accommodation in other cities have already been communicated to JS(CNV) vide our fax dated August 12, 2005, alongwith rates for various logistical services that would need to be hired by JMCI.*

- iii) **Availability of witnesses** : JMCI has desired to meet the following five witness :
- a) Mr. E.N. Komorov : He is available in Moscow and ready to meet JMCI on September 21, 2005.
  - b) Mr. A. Kolesnikov : We have not been able to contact him.
  - c) Prof. A.V. Raikov : He is in Lipetsk – a city far away from Moscow. He has agreed, in principle, to meet JMCI in Moscow on September 20-21, 2005.
  - d) Mr. U.L. Kuznets : Despite repeated attempts we have not been able to establish contact with him.
  - e) Mr. A.V. Turadzeve : He is in Moscow and is prepared, in principle, to meet JMCI on September 21, 2005.
- iv) **Meeting at the Institute of Oriental Studies (IOS)** : IOS has confirmed to organize a meeting for JMCI with a group of Russian historians on September 21, 2005 at the Institute. IOS has also confirmed that JMCI would have access to materials of the private Archives of Prof. Eva Ya. Luisternik available at the Institute.
- v) **Published material** : Prof. R.B. Rybakov, Director of the Institute of Oriental Studies had in July 2003 mentioned about some works that had been published or were being prepared for publication. We have tried to locate these publications in local bookshops and libraries, but without success. Even Prof. Rybakov of Institute of Oriental Studies has so far not been able to confirm availability of these publications.

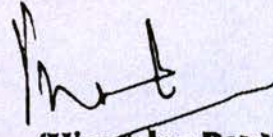


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- vi) **Meeting in St. Petersburg** : Our Consul General in St. Petersburg, vide his fax dated August 18, 2005 had confirmed that there is no meeting possible for JMCI in St. Petersburg.
- vii) **Publication of Notice** : JS(CNV) had, on August 31, 2005, forwarded a Notice to be published in leading Russian dailies (both in English and Russian). The Embassy is taking necessary action to publish it in the coming days.

We may convey this comprehensive status report to JS(CNV) with the request that it may be suitably shared with JMCI.

  
(Virander Paul)  
Counsellor (Pol)  
September 2, 2005

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**NON PAPER**

The Indian side has been for a long time requesting to get access to information in Russia regarding the facts of disappearance of political figure of India Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

The Russian side more than once confirmed its consent to give JMCI team access to the documents, which are open to public in the Federal and State Archives of the Subjects of the Russian Federation as well as at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Science. (see MFA Note No. 4557/2DA of 18/07/2005).

There is no possibility to comply with a request of the Indian side regarding access to classified archives. According to the Russian legislation (Archive Law of 2004) without any exception only a strictly-defined category of officials are allowed to work with the classified documents. It concerns not only representatives of foreign countries representatives but also Russian citizens.

Based on friendly relations between Russia and India and taking into account the importance of the subject for the Indian side, the Russian competent Authorities conducted a detailed study of the materials for the period from 1940s to the middle of 1950s and found a number of documents, in which the name of S.C.Bose was mentioned. All these copies had been handed over to the Indian side (in particular, a 46 page document, found in FSB's Archives in 2004.)

There is no more information regarding S. C. Bose available in the classified archives of the Russian Federation.

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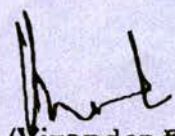
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Kindly refer to the proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to Russia from September 20-30, 2005.

The Russian Foreign Office has today conveyed to us visa clearance no. i.e. **79690 dated August 18, 2005** in respect of visas for Justice M.K. Mukherjee and his Personal Secretary Shri Nitish Kumar Panja. As regards visas for 6 deponents, the Russian MFA is still processing our request. We will keep you updated.

*With kind regards,*

  
(Virander Paul)  
Counsellor (Pol)  
August 30, 2005

*Re put up a  
draft conveying visa  
clearance nos to DMC*

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**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

**NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.**

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 Office - 2522-2766/68

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NO JMCI/ OVERSEAS-WITNESSES/2000-01/70(IV)/116

August 29, 2005

From **M Roy, IAS (Retd.)**  
 Secretary

To:

Shri L. D. Ralte,  
 Joint Secretary (CNV),  
 Ministry of External Affairs,  
 Government of India,  
 South Block,  
 New Delhi 110001.

*As we requested  
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Sub: Visit of Justice M. K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Russian Federation to hold the inquiry / hearing of the Commission there.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to my discussion with you on 29.08.2005 on phone on the above noted subject and to furnish below the relevant passport particulars of Justice Monoj Kumar Mukherjee and Shri Nisith Kumar Panja with the request to kindly take necessary action to enable Justice M. K. Mukherjee, Hon'ble Chairman and Shri N. K. Panja, Principal Private Secretary to get their visas for their visit to Russian Federation for the purpose of the Commission's inquiry there

Sl. No	Name of the applicant for visa	Passport No.	Date of issue of Passport	Place of issue of Passport	Date of expiry of Passport	Remarks
1	Hon'ble Justice Monnoj Kumar Mukherjee	E 6666297	05.04.2004	Kolkata	19.11.2008	Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission
2	Shri Nisith Kumar Panja	F 2969306	29.07.2005	Kolkata	28.07.2015	Principal Private Secretary of the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

*(Signature)*  
 (M. Roy)  
 Secretary



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Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary (Security), Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Government of India, North Block, New Delhi - 110 001 for his kind information and  
favour of taking necessary action

(M Roy)  
Secretary



**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

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August 29, 2005

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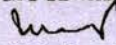
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Yours faithfully,

  
 (M. Roy)  
 Secretary



**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

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No. JMCII/ OVERSEAS-WITNESSES/2000-01/70(IV)/116

August 29, 2005

From : **M Roy, IAS (Retd.)**  
Secretary

To:

Shri L. D. Ralte,  
Joint Secretary (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi 110001.

Sub : Visit of Justice M. K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Russian Federation to hold the inquiry / hearing of the Commission there.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to my discussion with you on 29.08.2005 on phone on the above noted subject and to furnish below the relevant passport particulars of Justice Monoj Kumar Mukherjee and Shri Nisith Kumar Panja with the request to kindly take necessary action to enable Justice M. K. Mukherjee, Hon'ble Chairman and Shri N. K. Panja, Principal Private Secretary to get their visas for their visit to Russian Federation for the purpose of the Commission's inquiry there.

Sl, No	Name of the applicant for visa	Passport No.	Date of issue of Passport	Place of issue of Passport	Date of expiry of Passport	Remarks
1	Hon'ble Justice Monnoj Kumar Mukherjee	E 6666297	05.04.2004	Kolkata	19.11.2008	Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission
2	Shri Nisith Kumar Panja	F 2969306	29.07.2005	Kolkata	28.07.2015	Principal Private Secretary of the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)  
Secretary



August 29, 2005

Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary (Security), Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Government of India, North Block, New Delhi – 110 001 for his kind information and  
favour of taking necessary action.

(M. Roy)  
Secretary

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Dr. Virander Paul, Counsellor(Pol) from Joint Secretary(CNV).

JMCI has forwarded passport particulars in respect of Smt. Roma Banerjee, a deponent who desires to attend the inquiry in Russia at her own cost. We have also now received passport particulars of Shri Nandalal Chakrabarti. Both these deponents would need invitation for seeking Russian visa in India. Their passport details are as under:

Name	Roma Banerjee	Nandalal Chakrabarti
Date of Birth	01.03.1948	04.12.1954
Place of Birth	Calcutta	Kolkata
Passport No.	A-7656841	E-5538811
Place of issue	Calcutta	Kolkata
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For Joint Secretary(CNV)



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For Joint Secretary(CNV)



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Ministry of External Affairs  
(NGO Section)

No.25/4/NGO-Vol.XV

2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2005.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Home Affairs' letter No.1/12014/6/2001-NCB.II dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2005 regarding the visit of Justice Mukerjee Commission of Inquiry to Russia and to convey that the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has granted permission to the Commission to visit Russia and inspect relevant available records in Federal and Government Archives in Russia. Information regarding availability of relevant records and witnesses during the visit of JMCI is still awaited from Embassy of India, Moscow which will be conveyed to MHA on its receipt..

Shri S.K. Goswamy,  
Under Secretary (NCB),  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
New Delhi.

(R.K. Verma)  
अनुभाग अधिकारी (एनसीबी)  
Section Officer (NGO)  
विदेश मन्त्रालय, नई दिल्ली  
Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi

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No. 25/4/2005 - V/2 XV  
**Ministry of External Affairs**  
**NGO Section**

Subject: Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Russian Federation  
Political clearance reg.

Ministry of Home Affairs vide its u.o. No.1/12014/6/2001-IS(D.III)/NCB-II dated 25.8.2005 has requested issue of political clearance for the visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Russian Federation. The JMCI will be visiting Russia from 20.09.2005 to 01.10.2005.

JS(Eurasia) has already approved the political clearance. Eurasia Division is requested to convey the political clearance to the Ministry of Home Affairs at the earliest.

  
(R.K. Verma)  
Section Officer(NGO)  
01.09.2005



Eurasia Divison,  
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For Joint Secretary(CNV)



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**Dr. Virander Paul, Counsellor (Pol) from Joint Secretary (CNV)**

Please refer your fax dated 30 August, 2005 regarding proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Russia from 19-30 September, 2005. (.)

The JMCI has forwarded us a copy of notice for its publication in leading Russian dailies (i.e. English version in any English daily and Russian translation in a Russian Daily). The notice and the Commission's letter dated 26 August, 2005 in this regard are faxed herewith for your information and action at your end. (.)

The Ministry of Home Affairs have requested us to confirm whether relevant records are available in the Russian Archives and whether the witnesses would be available during the visit of the Commission. (.) A list of relevant Archives and Witnesses has already been sent to you. This information is urgently required by MHA for issuing sanction for deputations.



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**Dr. Virander Paul, Counsellor (Pol) from Joint Secretary**

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The JMCI has forwarded us a copy of notice for its visit to leading Russian dailies (i.e. English version in any English daily and Russian translation in a Russian Daily). The notice and the Commission's letter dated 26 August, 2005 in this regard are faxed herewith for your action at your end (.)

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The Ministry of Home Affairs have requested us to confirm whether relevant records are available in the Russian Archives and whether witnesses would be available during the visit of the Commission. A list of relevant Archives and Witnesses has already been sent to you. This information is urgently required by MHA for issuing sanction for departure of JMCI Commission to Russia (.) Kindly confirm the present information.



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For Joint Secretary (CNV)

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**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

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NO. JMCI/ OVERSEAS-WITNESSES/2000-01/70(IV)/113

August 26, 2005

From : **M Roy, IAS (Retd.)**  
Secretary

To:

Shri L. D. Ralte,  
Joint Secretary (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi 110001.

Sir,

In continuation of the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70(IV)/105 dated August 18, 2005 I am directed to send herewith a Notice regarding the Commission's impending visit to Russian Federation with the request to kindly verify the correctness of the address, etc. of the Indian Embassy in Moscow as noted in the said Notice and to take necessary action for publication of the Notice and its Russian version in a leading daily in English and Russian respectively as quickly as possible. I am further directed to request you that corrections, if any, of the said contact details of the Indian Embassy in Moscow may kindly be done at your end before publication of the Notice and the cost of said publication may kindly be initially borne by the Indian Embassy in Moscow pending adjustment thereof against the fund allotted in favour of the Commission by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India as was done earlier.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)  
Secretary

Encl : As stated.

No. JMCI/ OVERSEAS-WITNESSES/2000-01/70(IV)/113/1(1)

August 26, 2005

Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary (Security), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi - 110 001 for his kind information and favour of taking necessary action.

(M. Roy)  
Secretary

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*Message sent on 31/8 (1/9) to Moscow for publication.*



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Dated : August 26, 2005

**NOTICE**

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has been set up by the Government of India with the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Monoj Kumar Mukherjee, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India, as its Chairman to inquire into the facts and circumstances related to the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including the following matters :-

- (a) Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (b) If he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (c) Whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- (d) Whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- (e) If he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

The materials in the possession of the Commission till now tend to make it appear to the Commission that evidence relevant to the points of inquiry is likely to be available in the Russian Federation. To explore the possibility of getting such evidence the Commission proposes to visit Moscow, Padolsk, St. Petersburg, Irkutsk, and Omsk of the Russian Federation.

Any individual, group of persons, associations, institutions or organisations acquainted with or having knowledge, directly or indirectly, of the facts and circumstances relating to the aforesaid matters referred to the Commission for Inquiry and having interest in the proceedings before the Commission or wishing to assist the Commission in making the inquiry into the matters as mentioned above may contact the Embassy of the Republic of India, Moscow, 6-8, Vorontsovo Polye St., Moscow 109840, Russian Federation, Tel (095) 917 4044, Tel Fax (095) 917 4209, E-mail < India @ online.ru.> www. indianembassy. ru or the Commission at contact details given above.

By Order

(M. Roy)

Secretary



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सत्यमेव जयते

गृह मंत्रालय  
भारत सरकार  
नार्थ ब्लॉक, नई दिल्ली-110001  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NORTH BLOCK, NEW DELHI-110001

D.O. No.I/12014/6/2001-NCB.II

MOST IMMEDIATE

Rakesh,  
Joint Secretary (Security).

Dated: August 30, 2005.

Dear Shri Ralte,

Kindly refer to your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIV dated 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 addressed to Shri M. Roy, Secretary, JMC'I, Kolkata, regarding the visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Russia.

2. In the above letter you intimated that the Mission in Moscow was requested to obtain the permission of Russian authorities, confirm the availability of relevant records and witnesses there during the Commission's visit to Russian Federation. I shall be grateful if you kindly confirm whether the permission of the Russian Authorities and availability of relevant records and witnesses there have since been obtained from our Mission in Moscow.

3. As the information is required in connection with the approval of the deputation of the Commission by the competent authority, the information may kindly be faxed (No. 23093008) immediately.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ralte  
(Rakesh)

Shri L.D. Ralte,  
Joint Secretary (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
South Block, New Delhi.

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Confirmation  
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of records/witnesses.  
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Secretary

To:

Shri L. D. Ralte,  
Joint Secretary (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi 110001.

Sub : Prayers of different interested persons who desire to attend the inquiry /  
hearing of the Commission in Russian Federation at their own costs.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to my discussion with you on 29.08.2005 on phone on the above noted subject and to furnish herewith the relevant passport particulars of the persons noted below who desire to attend the inquiry / hearing of the Commission in Russian Federation at their own costs and request for favour of taking necessary action to get their visas for the purpose.

I am further directed to send herewith the prayer dated 29.08.2005 of Smt. Roma Banerjee, a deponent, and xerox copies of the relevant pages of her passport for your kind perusal and favour of taking necessary action.

I am also directed to send herewith once again the relevant pages of the passport of Shri Nandalal Chakravarty, a deponent.

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Pl forward passport  
particulars of R Nandalal  
Chakravarty & Smt Roma  
Banerjee to Moscow for  
visas - 19/05

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Sl, No	Name of the applicant for visa	Passport No.	Date of issue of Passport	Place of issue of Passport	Date of expiry of Passport	Remarks
1.	Mr. Subrata Bose	-	-	-	-	Non-official (a deponent who subsequently became a Member of the Lok Sabha). His passport particulars will be furnished to the MEA, Govt. of India by him direct.
2	Mr. Nandalal Chakravarty	E 5538811	17.11.2003	Kolkata	16.11.2013	Non-official (deponent)
3.	Dr. Madhusudan Pal	E 1473130	09.04.2002	Kolkata	08.04.2012	Non-official (deponent)
4	Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy	A 8216707	22.10.1999	Kolkata (Calcutta)	21.10.2009	Non-official (deponent)
5	Mr. Manoranjan Ghosh	E 1896544	06.06.2002	Kolkata	05.06.2012	Non-official (deponent)
6	Mr. Keshab Bhattacharya	F 0135423	14.01.2005	Kolkata	13.01.2010	Non-official (Advocate of All India Forward Bloc, a deponent)
7	Dr. Dwarka Nath Bose	U 095277	04.07.1991	Kolkata (Calcutta)	03.07.2006	Non-official (a nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose)
8	Mrs. Roma Banerjee	A 7656841	13.05.1999	Kolkata (Calcutta)	12.05.2009	Non-official (deponent)

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)  
Secretary

Encl : As stated.

No. JMCI/ OVERSEAS-WITNESSES/2000-01/70(IV)/118/1(1) August 30, 2005

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(M. Roy)  
Secretary



42, Ballygunge Place

Kolkata - 700019

29/8/2005.

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To

Mr. M. Roy,  
Secretary,  
Justice Mukherjee Commission.

29/8/05

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that I am  
a deponent of Justice Mukherjee Commission.  
No. JMC/20  
I have attended almost all the hearings  
of the said Commission and participated  
in the question-answer sessions. Since the  
Commission is now going to the Russian  
Federation, I am very much interested  
and willing to go there and attend the  
hearings in Russian Federation. I, therefore,  
request you, Sir, to do the needful so  
that I can obtain the visa in due time.  
The Xerox copies of the 4 relevant pages of  
my Passport are enclosed here with.

Thanking you,  
Yours Sincerely,

Roma Banerjee

(deponent)  
No. JMC/20.





छात्रों, छात्रा, भगवान् के सम्मुख के मान पर, उन सब से मिलना, सब से मिलना हो। यह धर्मनाम अपना ही नहीं है कि वे वास्तव में किना रोना-डोना, आजादी से आजादी से आजादी से, और उसे हर तरह की ऐंगी सशक्तता और मुक्ति प्रदान कर दिया है उसे आश्वस्त हो।

THESE ARE TO REQUEST AND REQUIRE IN THE NAME OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA ALL THOSE WHOM IT MAY CONCERN TO ALLOW THE BEARER TO PASS FREELY WITHOUT LET OR HINDERANCE AND TO AFFORD HIM OR HER, EVERY ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION OF WHICH HE OR SHE MAY STAND IN NEED.

भारत गणराज्य के राष्ट्रपति के आदेश से दिया गया  
BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF INDIA



(Date of issue) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (E. R. DAS)  
 District Registrar  
 Regional District Office  
 Dibrugarh, Assam

भारत गणराज्य REPUBLIC OF INDIA



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ORD	IND	A7656841
उपनाम /Surname	ROMA	
दिये जाये नाम /Given Name	BANERJEE	
राष्ट्रीयता /Nationality	लिंग /Sex	जन्मतिथि /Date of Birth
INDIAN	F	01-03-1948
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सहायक सचिव (स. र. दास)  
(S. R. DAS)  
यह प्रमाण पत्र अतिरिक्त  
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Emigration Status

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passport is attached/returned to the holder.



## संक्षेप

विदेशों में रहने वाले भारतीय नागरिकों को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे अपने को निकटतम भारतीय मिशन / पोस्ट पर पंजीकृत करावें।

## चेतावनी

यह पासपोर्ट भारत सरकार की संपत्ति है। पासपोर्ट अधिकारी से इस पासपोर्ट के तत्पर में कोई सुझाव मिलने पर दिये हुए मुद्रांक बनाए रखने के, प्रत्येक सुझाव, अनुपालन किया जाए।

यह पासपोर्ट इसके द्वारा जारी की गई है और इसे बाहर न भेजा जाए। यह पासपोर्ट धारक या उसके द्वारा प्रस्तुत व्यक्ति के कब्जे में हो लेना चाहिए। इसमें किसी भी प्रकार के परिवर्तन या भ्रम नहीं किया जाना चाहिए।

पासपोर्ट गुप्त जाना, खोना या नष्ट हो जाने पर धारक को तत्काल भारत में निकटतम भारतीय मिशन / पोस्ट की (या यदि भारत विदेश में हो) निकटतम भारतीय मिशन को और स्थानीय पुलिस को सूचित करना चाहिए। निम्नलिखित पृष्ठों के पत्रों की प्रतिलिपि पासपोर्ट जारी किया जाएगा।

## REGISTRATION

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## CAUTION

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पिता का नाम/मातापिता अधिकारी / Name of Father/Legal Guardian

Harendra Kumar Banerjee

माता का नाम / Name of Mother

Pratima Devi

पति या पत्नी का नाम / Name of Spouse

Ganesh Chandra Banerjee

परिचालक का नाम / Name of the passport holder

NIL

पासपोर्ट नंबर / Pass No.

A-06575/99



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		6th / 1955
<p>पता / Address</p> <p>42 Ballygunge Place Calcutta-19</p>		
<p>टेलिफोन नं. / Telephone No. (अर्हता के द्वारा भरा जाए) / To be filled in by the applicant</p>		
<p>इस पासपोर्ट में शामिल बच्चों का विवरण / Particulars of children included in the passport</p>		
नाम / Name	जन्म तिथि / Date of Birth	दिनांक / Date
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<p>इस पासपोर्ट में 36 पृष्ठ हैं। / This passport contains 36 pages</p>		

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दुर्गावारा

बिराँतें धं लउने बानी भारतीय सनातनी के सनात ही बानी है जिसे वे अपने को हिन्दुमत भारतीयता विमान / दैवी या परमोपूत कहता हैं ।

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LATE KUNJALAL CHAKRABARTI

माता का नाम /Name of Mother  
CHHABI CHAKRABARTI

पति या पत्नी का नाम /Name of Spouse  
APARA CHAKRABARTI

पत्ता / Address  
559/1 DAAKSHINDARI ROAD



KOLKATA-700048

PS- LAKE TOWN, PO- SRIBHUMI

पुराने पासपोर्ट का नं. और इसके जारी होने का स्थान एवं तिथि / Old Passport No. with date and Place of issue

फाइल नं. /File No.  
CALP00194603



<p><b>OBSERVATION</b> No. .... Date <b>28 NOV 2003</b></p>	
<p>चौकस रती: Emigration Status</p> <p>संलग्नता, पश्चिम और पूर्ण के रूप में है (राष्ट्र की सेवा करने को छोड़कर) और और अफ्रीका, तमिल, युनाइटेड और ऑस्ट्रेलिया को छोड़कर परदेशीय के लिए नव अतिथि</p> <p>Emigration Check Required (ECR) except for Bangladesh, Pakistan all countries in Europe (Excluding Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), North America, Japan, New Zealand and Australia.)</p> <p>उत्पन्न वर अवकाश है। Emigration Check Not Required (ECNR)</p>	<p>the <del>ECR</del> Date of birth of <b>04.12.1954</b> the Passport holder is on Cont Fare <del>is</del> to be read <del>as</del></p>
<p> <b>सुजित दास</b> <b>SUJIT DAS</b> एन क्षेत्रीय पासपोर्ट अधिकारी For Regional Passport Officer कोलकाता / Kolkata</p>	<p> <b>बी. के. मिश्रा</b> <b>B. K. MISTRI</b> एन क्षेत्रीय पासपोर्ट अधिकारी For Regional Passport Officer कोलकाता / Kolkata</p>
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## JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Phone:

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.

B Block, (Third Floor)

11/A Muza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087

Chairman - 2252-2835  
Secretary - 2522-2767  
Officer on  
Special Duty - 2522-2765  
Office - 2522-2766/68

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FAX : 033 2252-2765

e-mail : jmcinsecb@cal3.vsnl.net.in

No JMCI/ OVERSEAS-WITNESSES/2000-01/70(IV)/118

August 30, 2005

From : M Roy, IAS (Retd.)  
Secretary

To

Shri L. D. Ralte,  
Joint Secretary (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi 110001

Sub : Prayers of different interested persons who desire to attend the inquiry /  
hearing of the Commission in Russian Federation at their own costs

Sir,

I am directed to refer to my discussion with you on 29.08.2005 on phone on the above noted subject and to furnish herewith the relevant passport particulars of the persons noted below who desire to attend the inquiry / hearing of the Commission in Russian Federation at their own costs and request for favour of taking necessary action to get their visas for the purpose.

I am further directed to send herewith the prayer dated 29.08.2005 of Smt. Roma Banerjee, a deponent, and xerox copies of the relevant pages of her passport for your kind perusal and favour of taking necessary action.

I am also directed to send herewith once again the relevant pages of the passport of Shri Nandalal Chakravarty, a deponent.

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Sl No	Name of the applicant for visa	Passport No	Date of issue of Passport	Place of issue of Passport	Date of expiry of Passport	Remarks
1	Mr. Subrata Bose	-	-	-	-	Non-official (a deponent who subsequently became a Member of the Lok Sabha) His passport particulars will be furnished to the MEA, Govt. of India by him direct.
2	Mr Nandalal Chakravarty	E 5538811	17.11.2003	Kolkata	16.11.2013	Non-official (deponent)
3	Dr Madhusudan Pal	E 1473130	09.04.2002	Kolkata	08.04.2012	Non-official (deponent)
4	Dr. (Mrs) Purabi Roy	A 8216707	22.10.1999	Kolkata (Calcutta)	21.10.2009	Non-official (deponent)
5	Mr. Manoranjan Ghosh	F 1896544	06.06.2002	Kolkata	05.06.2012	Non-official (deponent)
6	Mr Keshab Bhattacharya	F 0135423	14.01.2005	Kolkata	13.01.2010	Non-official (Advocate of All India Forward Bloc, a deponent)
7	Dr. Dwarka Nath Bose	U 095277	04.07.1991	Kolkata (Calcutta)	03.07.2006	Non-official (a nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose)
8	Mrs. Roma Banerjee	A 7656841	13.05.1999	Kolkata (Calcutta)	12.05.2009	Non-official (deponent)

Yours faithfully,

(M Roy)  
Secretary

Encl As stated.

No. JMCI/ OVERSEAS-WITNESSES/2000-01/70(IV)/118/1(1) August 30, 2005

Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary (Security), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi - 110 001 for his kind information and favour of taking necessary action.

(M Roy)  
Secretary





Kolkata - 700019

29/8/2005

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Mr. M. Roy,  
Secretary,  
Justice Mukherjee Commission.

29/8/05  
29/8/05

Dear Sir,

No. JMCI/20  
This is to inform you that I am  
deponent of Justice Mukherjee Commission.  
I have attended almost all the hearings  
of the said Commission and participated  
in the question-answer sessions. Since the  
Commission is now going to the Russian  
Federation, I am very much interested  
and willing to go there and attend the  
hearings in Russian Federation. I, therefore,  
request you, Sir, to do the needful so  
that I can obtain the visa in due time.  
The Xerox copies of the 4 relevant pages of  
my Passport are enclosed here with.

Thanking you,  
Yours Sincerely,

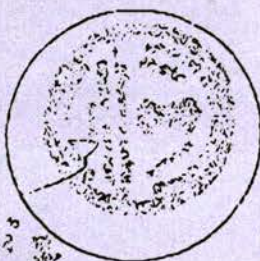
Roma Banerjee

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No. JMCI/20.



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CONCERN IS CALLED TO BE RESPONSIBLE IN THE FACE OF THE  
HUMANITY AND TO AFFIRMATION IN EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE AND  
COLLECTION OF WHICH ALL OF US MAY STAND IN NEED.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1941, WENT THE NAME OF THE  
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FROM : JMCI KOLKATA

FAX NO. : 0332252 2765

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**JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

**NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.**

B Block, (Third Floor)

11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087

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NO JMCI/ OVERSEAS-WITNESSES/2000-01/70(IV)/118

August 30, 2005

From **M Roy, IAS (Retd.)**  
Secretary

To

Shri L D Ralte,  
Joint Secretary (CNV),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
South Block,  
New Delhi 110001.

Sub. Prayers of different interested persons who desire to attend the inquiry /  
hearing of the Commission in Russian Federation at their own costs.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to my discussion with you on 29.08.2005 on phone on the above  
noted subject and to furnish herewith the relevant passport particulars of the persons noted below  
who desire to attend the inquiry / hearing of the Commission in Russian Federation at their own  
costs and request for favour of taking necessary action to get their visas for the purpose.

I am further directed to send herewith the prayer dated 29.08.2005 of Smt. Roma  
Banerjee, a deponent, and xerox copies of the relevant pages of her passport for your kind perusal  
and favour of taking necessary action

I am also directed to send herewith once again the relevant pages of the passport of Shri  
Nandalal Chakravarty, a deponent.

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| Sl. No | Name of the applicant for visa | Passport No  | Date of issue of Passport | Place of issue of Passport | Date of expiry of Passport | Remarks   |
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| 1.     | Mr. Subrata Bose               |              |                           |                            |                            | Non-official (a deponent who subsequently became a Member of the Lok Sabha). His passport particulars will be furnished to the MEA, Govt of India by him direct |
| 2      | Mr. Nandalal Chakravarty       | F<br>5538811 | 17.11.2003                | Kolkata                    | 16.11.2013                 | Non-official (deponent)   |
| 3.     | Dr. Madhusudan Pal             | E<br>1473130 | 09.04.2002                | Kolkata                    | 08.04.2012                 | Non-official (deponent)   |
| 4      | Dr (Mrs.) Purabi Roy           | A<br>8216707 | 22.10.1999                | Kolkata (Calcutta)         | 21.10.2009                 | Non-official (deponent)   |
| 5      | Mr. Manoranjan Ghosh           | E<br>1896544 | 06.06.2002                | Kolkata                    | 05.06.2012                 | Non-official (deponent)   |
| 6      | Mr. Keshab Bhattacharya        | F<br>0135423 | 14.01.2005                | Kolkata                    | 13.01.2010                 | Non-official (Advocate of All India Forward Bloc, a deponent)   |
| 7.     | Dr. Dwarka Nath Bose           | U<br>095277  | 04.07.1991                | Kolkata (Calcutta)         | 03.07.2006                 | Non-official (a nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose)   |
| 8      | Mrs. Roma Banerjee             | A<br>7656841 | 13.05.1999                | Kolkata (Calcutta)         | 12.05.2009                 | Non-official (deponent)   |

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)  
Secretary

Encl As stated

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Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary (Security), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi - 110 001 for his kind information and favour of taking necessary action.

(M. Roy)  
Secretary



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Ministry of Home Affairs  
Security Division  
NCB-II

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**Subject:** Visit of the Commission to Russian Federation for the purpose of holding its inquiry there – Political clearance reg.

The undersigned is directed to state that the following are visiting Russian Federation w.e.f 18.9.2005 to 1.10.2005 including journey time—

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|-----|---|---------|
| (a) | Justice M.K. Kukherjee,<br>Chairman             | J.M.C.I |
| (b) | Shri N.K. Panja, Principal<br>Private Secretary | J.M.C.I |

The Commission will hold its inquiry/sitting in Moscow on 19.9.05 to 21.9.05. The Commission will stay for its inquiry in Paddosk for one day, in St. Petersburg for two days, and in Irkhutsk for two days. The duration of the stay of the Commission at these places may vary according to the number of witnesses, the number of archives of those places as also according to the number/volumes of relevant archival documents available at those places. The precise itinerary for the visit of the Commission to aforesaid places would be conveniently drawn by the Indian Embassy in Moscow.

3. The expenditure on the visit of Hon'ble Chairman and Shri N.K. Panja, Principal Private Secretary of the Commission will be borne by Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry out of funds allocated to it.

4. It is requested that political clearance for the visit of Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, JMCI and Shri N.K. Panja, Principal Private Secretary JMCI may be accorded and communicated to this Ministry urgently.

26/08/05

(M.M. CHOPRA)  
DEPUTY SECRETARY(S)

Ministry of External Affairs, Shri L.D. Ralte, Joint Secretary (CNV), South Block, New Delhi

MHA U.O.No. No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(D.III)/NCB-II dt.25.8.05

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F.No. I/12014/6/2001-IS(D.III) Pt.  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

New Delhi, Dated: 3.9.02

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION  
OF INQUIRY TO RENKOJI TEMPLE IN JAPAN TO  
EXAMINE THE WITNESSES ETC. PERTAINING TO NETAJI  
SUBHAS CHANDR BOSE - POLITICAL CLEARANCE**


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The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of revised programme of visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan and to state that following are visiting Japan w.e.f. 12.9.02 to 18.9.02 including journey time.

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|----|--------------------------------|--|
| a) | <b>Justice M.K. Mukherjee,</b> | <b>Justice Mukherjee Commission of</b> |
|    | <b>Chairman</b>                | <b>Inquiry</b>                         |
| b) | <b>Shri P.K. Sengupta</b>      | <b>Justice Mukherjee Commission of</b> |
|    | <b>Secretary</b>               | <b>Inquiry</b>                         |

2. The expenditure on the visit of Hon'ble Chairman and Secretary of the Commission will be borne by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry out of funds allocated to it.

3. It is requested that political clearance for the visit of Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.K. Mukherjee Chairman Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, JMCI may be accorded and communicated to this Ministry urgently.

  
(B.R.DHIMAN)

UNDER SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA  
TELE No:3093700

Shri Vijay Gokhale  
Joint Secretary (CNV)  
Ministry of External Affairs  
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No.C/122/02/2002-JP

September 05, 2002

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Home Affairs letter No. I/12014/6/2001-IS(D.III) Pt dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2002 regarding visit of Justice M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Renkoji Temple in Japan to examine the witnesses etc. pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from 12-09-2002 to 18-09-2002 and to say that this Ministry has no objection from political angle to the visit of Justice M.K. Mukherjee and Shri P.K. Sengupta to Japan during the period mentioned above.



(Sibi George)

Deputy Secretary (JK)

Tel: 301 2847

Shri B.R. Dhiman,  
Under Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
New Delhi-110001.

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No.RTI/551/76/2006

Dated: 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2006

Shri Anuj Dhar,  
263, Kangra Niketan,  
Vikaspuri,  
New Delhi-110018

Subject:- Information sought about the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chander Bose under Right to Information Act, 2005.

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Sir,

With reference to your application dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2006 on the above mentioned subject, it is stated that:

- a) The request to Government of USSR and the Russian Federation were made through diplomatic channels at appropriate levels.
- b) The requisite copies of correspondence cannot be disclosed as it involves the relations with foreign State and is exempt as per the provisions of Clause 8(1)(a)&(f).

2. If you are not satisfied with the above reply, you can appeal to Shri Rinzing Wangdi, Secretary (ER), and Appellate Authority, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi - 110 011 within 30 days from the receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

(E. Barwa)

Joint Secretary (Information) &  
Central Public Information Officer  
**Telephone No: 26874418**

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To  
Shri Rinzing Wangdi  
Secretary (ER) and Appellate Authority  
Ministry of External Affairs  
South Block  
New Delhi 110001

23 September 2006

Subject: Appeal over Application No RTI/551/76/2006 regarding the fate of Netaji  
Subhas Chandra Bose in USSR

Dear Sir

I am appealing against the information provided by Shri E Barwa (Joint Secretary [Information] & CPIO) in his letter No RTI/551/76/2006 dated 25 August 2006 in response to my application dated 2 August 2006 on the subject of the fate of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. While I thank Shri Barwa for the letter, I find his response unsatisfactory. I also think that the reasons given by him for not releasing the requested papers are untenable. Therefore, I am making the following submissions to you.

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1. My application specifically wanted to know whether the "MEA sought information from the Russians by issuing mere note verbales, or some serious efforts were ever made from a higher level to uncover the mystery surrounding the fate of one of the greatest Indians ever." In response Shri Barwa stated that "The request to the Government of USSR and the Russian Federation were made through diplomatic channels at appropriate levels." I am afraid this response does not answer my query. "Appropriate" is a qualitative term and can vary according to situation and persons looking into the matter. Plainly put, I wanted to know whether the matter was pursued at a higher (say ministerial) level, or such a matter of national importance was dealt with by our Embassy by belatedly issuing formal third person notes (note verbales). You will know that there are more suitable channels to obtain information from foreign governments.

2. I had also requested for the "certified copies of complete correspondence the MEA has had with the Governments of the USSR and the Russian Federation over the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose". I mentioned specific years when the Indian Embassy in Moscow, as per my knowledge, had received perfunctory communications from the Russians to the effect that they had not come across any paper in some of their archives, excluding some highly sensitive ones, about Netaji's fate or his alleged stay erstwhile USSR. Shri Barwa, in his letter, said that the "requisite copies of correspondence cannot be disclosed as it involves the relations with foreign State and is exempt as per the provisions of Clause 8(1)(a) & (f)." I find this explanation non sequitur.

3. Clause 8(1)(a) exempts provision of such information "disclosure of which would prejudicially affect the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security, strategic, scientific or economic interests of the State, relation with foreign State or lead to incitement of an



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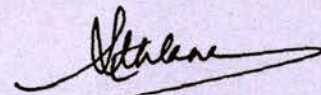
Subject: Appeal by Shri Anuj Dhar under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Shri Anuj Dhar has filed an appeal under the RTI Act as he was not provided with the copies of correspondence with Government of USSR, Russian Federation about disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chander Bose..

The information was not disclosed under the Clause 8(1)(a)&(f) as it involves relations with Foreign State.

Shri Anuj Dhar may please be conveyed the following:

- (a) the information sought does not constitute an "information" as defined in the RTI Act: 2005 as it seeks anecdotal reply ; and
- (b) the requisite copies of correspondence cannot be disclosed as it involves ~~the~~ relations with foreign state and is exempt as per the provisions of Clause 8(1)(a)(i).



(L.D. Ralte)  
Joint Secy(CNV)

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Chronological background

1. Shri Chitta Basu, MP, had written to then PM Rajiv Gandhi in April 1987 about the presence of archival material in the Czech Academy of Sciences. In 1988, he wrote to USSR President Gorbachev on the subject. On March, 1990, "The Hindustan Times" quoted Dr. Yurlova, a scholar at the Institute of Oriental Studies, as mentioning that Soviet scholars were in possession of documents on Netaji. On 9 April 1990, in response to a PQ, an assurance was given that "efforts will be made to obtain either the original papers or their copies so that they could be studied". Shri Samar Guha, MP further took up the matter with then EAM in May 1990.
2. On 21 May 1990 the Embassy of India in Moscow wrote to the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs requesting it to explore the possibility of transferring relevant materials on Netaji to the National Archives in New Delhi.
3. On 17 August 1990 the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs conveyed materials on Netaji available in the Soviet Archives. Those materials, however, did not shed any further light on Netaji's fate or his sojourn in the USSR.
4. In May 1991 the Embassy of India, Moscow, received some more material from the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs and sent these to the Ministry. These documents "threw no additional light on the fate of Netaji or his possible presence in the Soviet Union after his disappearance in 1945".
5. On 16 September 1991, the Embassy of India, Moscow, addressed a Note Verbale to the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs (enclosing a collection of documents on Netaji received from Shri Chitta Basu, MP, containing suggestions quoting Soviet Diplomats to the effect that Netaji might have found his way to the Soviet Union after the alleged plane crash in 1945) seeking "any material available in the archives of Soviet Organisations, including security organisations, which could shed light on the fate of Netaji".
6. Vide Note Verbale No. 2/YuA dated 8 January 1992 the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs formally conveyed in response to official approaches made by the Embassy of India, Moscow that "according to the data available in the Central and Republican Archives, no information whatsoever is available on the stay of the former President of Indian



# Netaji Commission back empty-handed from Moscow

NANDINI GUHA

KOLKATA, OCTOBER 3

THE Mukherjee Commission which is probing the mysterious disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in August 1945 — and all deponents accompanying the panel to Moscow — have come back practically empty-handed.

The panel was denied access to three archives expected to store classified information on Bose: KGB, GRU and the President's archives in Kremlin.

"We are disappointed. We were not allowed access to any of classified files in the KGB archives with regard to Bose. Our trips to Omsk and Irkhutsk also did not yield any fruit. Even the deponents were not prepared to speak," Subrata Bose, Forward Bloc MP, who accompanied the Commission to Moscow said.

Researcher Purabi Roy, who first bumped into some classified information on Bose in 1995 in Moscow, was also

disappointed, since most of the Russian deponents were either not available or did not reveal anything. "While Raikov denied anything, Kolesnikov was away on an assignment in Turkey. Turadzev however said there is classified information on Bose in the KGB archives. The Commission could not access these files," Roy said. He was also miffed at the "lack-

## Panel denied access to KGB, GRU, President's Archives in Moscow

adaisical" attitude of the Indian authorities coordinating the visit in Moscow.

Sources in the panel, however, said that two files — one pertaining to Bose's links with Russian news agencies and the other relating to Sarat Chandra Bose — were recovered and brought back to India. The panel will make its report on Russia public on October 6.

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**October 5, 2005**

*Dear Mrs. Purabi*

I write in continuation of my fax of 4<sup>th</sup> October in reference to a news item carried by the 'Indian Express' of October 4, 2005 regarding the visit last month of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to Russia.

As I had earlier mentioned, Justice Mukherjee was extremely satisfied with the arrangements made by the Mission for the visit. Most of the accompanying deponents too were very forthcoming in appreciating the hospitality and courtesies extended to them during their visit. In the backdrop of an overall positive feedback on the Embassy's efforts, it is regrettable that one of the deponents, Ms. Purabi Roy has, through the media, sought to describe the attitude of the Indian authorities coordinating the visit as 'lackadaisical'.

While we take note of Mrs. Roy's comment, this could perhaps be explained by her own approach and attitude towards the Inquiry, some earlier comments attributed to her in the media as well as our own assessment after talking to her on various informal occasions during the visit.

By way of background, it needs to be recalled that the Russian MFA had conveyed to us that access to classified Archives in Russia is regulated under the law. Any access has to be processed as per Russia's legal procedure and in case of JMCI we had been told by the Russian side that there was nothing in the KGB Archives relevant to the subject. In the interactions we had with him, Justice Mukherjee had himself accepted this position. However, it seemed Mrs. Purabi Roy had come to Russia to prove her earlier publicised beliefs on Russia being relevant to the subject of Inquiry. Not having been able to do so may explain her general disappointment with the entire exercise in Russia.

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2<sup>nd</sup> August 2006

Shri E. Barwa, CPIO  
Room no. 818,  
Akbar Bhavan,  
Chanakyapuri, New delhi 110021

Subject: Application under the Right to Information Act for copies of correspondence the MEA has had with its USSR/Russian counterparts regarding the disappearance of Subhas Bose

Dear Sir

I am writing to you on behalf of Mission Netaji, a trust conducting research on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We would like to request you to provide us certified copies of the complete correspondence the Ministry of External Affairs had with the Governments of the USSR and the Russian Federation over the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We understand that our Embassy in Moscow had the matter with the Foreign Ministry of Russian Federation in 1992, 1995, 1997, 2001 and with dissatisfying results.

In particular, we are curious to know whether the light information from the Russians by issuing mere note verbales, or some serious effort ever made from a higher level to uncover the mystery surrounding the fate of one of the greatest Indians ever.

We will be most grateful for your kind approval of

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

For Mission Netaji

  
Anuj Dhar

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